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MID-CONTINENT LETTER

Forty-one-Gravity Oil Developed at 760 Feet in the Henrietta Clay County District, Close to Red River—Much Activity in Lands and Leases—Gulf Pipe Line Company Increasing Its Runs From Glenn Pool—Progress of Territory-Gulf Pipe Line Construction—February Field Operations. Notes and Personals.

HENRIETTA, CLAY COUNTY, TEXAS, March 12 (Special).—A deep sand that yields oil testing 41 degrees, Beaume, at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit, has been developed by the Clayco Oil & Pipe Line Company in a well drilled on lot 25 in the Henrietta or Clay County oil field, fourteen miles north of Henrietta and six miles south of Red River. The well was completed about the first of the month and equipped with a standard rig. It has been pumping seven days, and is now producing at the rate of five barrels an hour, or 120 barrels a day. There has been no light-oil development in Texas since the discovery of the Corsicana pool eleven years ago, which compares in importance with the finding of the deep sand in the Henrietta field. The hole is 760 feet deep, drilled eighteen feet into the pay.

For six years past this district has been producing a fair grade of light oil from a depth of 275 feet. The shallow wells now being operated number something over a hundred, and their combined daily output is between 200 and 300 barrels. Occasionally one has been brought in which would start off at 20 barrels a day. The product of the shallow sand averages about 33 degrees, Beaume, in gravity. It is bringing 95 cents a barrel on the field, and at this price the operation of the wells is proving profitable. The Clayco Oil & Pipe Line Company has a 37,500-barrel steel tank on the field and has a 4-inch pipe line extending from the tank to loading racks on the Wichita Valley Railroad, about one and a half miles north. This company buys the production of the district and sells it on board cars to various refineries in Texas and Louisiana—among them the Corsicana Refining Company at Corsicana, the United Oil & Refining Company at Beaumont and the Record Oil & Refining Company at New Orleans. The Wichita Valley Railroad connects at Wichita Falls, Texas, with the Fort Worth & Denver road. The freight rate from Petrolia, the station from which shipments are made, to Corsicana, is 10 cents a hundred, or 31 cents a barrel, and to Beaumont 10 1-2 cents a hundred or 32.65 cents a barrel.

The well which has developed the deep sand was started on November 30 of last year. It is located about midway between the north and the south limits of the shallow development, which extends over an area three and one-half miles from north to south, and about one mile from east to west. The trend of development seems to be northwest and southeast. A test well, drilled four years ago to a depth of 1,200 feet by W. B. and J. R. Sharp on the D. R. Beatty lease in lot 26, about one-half mile east of the Clayco deep well, failed to show any pay sand below the shallow stuff. The failure to obtain results in the Beatty well led many to believe that the field was barren of deeper sands. Various companies and individuals having extensive investments and holdings in the district decided last year, however, that they would make another test. A location was chosen near the center of the field. H. P. Nichols, manager of the Clayco Company, was placed in charge of the work. A combination rotary and cable rig was used, and preparations were made to drill to a depth of 2,000 feet, if necessary. The hole was started with 10-inch pipe. From 85 feet down to 400 feet a great quantity of hard rock was encountered, necessitating the use of drop tools. Below 400 feet the rotary came into use, as the drill was mostly through quicksands and other soft formations.

When the pay was encountered the drillers were rotating with a nine and seven-eighths-inch bit. They had gone through a salt-water sand about fifty feet above the point where they got the oil sand. After drilling into the pay eighteen feet they pulled out and set a string of 6-inch casing on top of the sand. The water from above caused them considerable trouble, but by using a heavy shoe, a swedge nipple and a seed packer they got the most of it shut off, and on Tuesday, March 5, started pumping. The first day's run was at the rate of over ten barrels an hour. Later it settled down to five barrels an hour, and it has been holding up to this production since. Manager Nichols believes that he can entirely overcome the trouble with the water. The well is making a small quantity of water with the oil, but there seems little doubt that it is coming in from the sand above. Now that the depth of the sand has been established, it will be easy to shut off the water in the wells that are to be drilled in the future.

With the exception of the development on the Byers Brothers land, marking the northwest boundary of the shallow sand, the production in the Clay County field is confined to what is known as the Parker County school land. This is laid out in lots of 160 acres. Some of it has been subdivided into 5-acre tracts, which are now offered at $400 and $500 an acre, according to their proximity to the new well. Most of the land has been leased at some time in the past. Among those having large holdings in the defined shallow-sand territory, adjacent to and surrounding the Clayco well are the Clayco Company, the Lochridge Oil Company and J. D. Stine. The Clayco Company has between 600 and 700 acres in the shallow field. The land on which the new well is located is owned by the Lochridge Oil Company, which holds all of lots 25 and 26 and the north halves of lots 36 and 37. The Clayco Company has 120 acres of the 480 acres comprising the entire tract. The well is on a 20-acre lease. J. D. Stine owns some of the best-looking stuff in the field. He has given a lease on the basis of a one-eighth royalty to the Corsicana Petroleum Company, covering 160 acres of the choicest of his property, situated immediately west of the Clayco well and abutting the west line of lot 25. The deep well is 100 feet south of the north line of lot 25 and 600 feet east of the west line of the same lot. The Corsicana Petroleum Company has ordered material and let contracts for two wells to be started immediately. One of them will be located on the east side of the Stine lease, about 1,000 feet from the Clayco well. The Corsicana Company has other property, south of the present development, which it purchased six or seven years ago.

The surface formations in the Clay County district have all the earmarks of an oil field. Just west of the new well there is a mound as pronounced as Spindletop "hill." Deeper drilling may develop the presence of a sand below that found in the Clayco well. The finding of an oil that compares with the Pennsylvania grades undoubtedly will lead to further prospecting, which may reveal an exceedingly rich pool of very high-grade crude. The oil from the new well is greenish and not dissimilar to the Pennsylvania product. It is said to contain more paraffine than any crude yet discovered in Texas.

Clay County is directly south of Comanche County, Okla. The oil field is 100 miles due west of Madill and Denison, and about 120 miles west of a line drawn south from Tulsa. It is west of the 98th meridian, and six miles south of Red River. Approximately 10,000 acres in leases across the Red River, in Comanche County, have been secured by J. M. Guffey and T. N. Barnsdall of Pittsburg. Two men are still in the county getting hold of all the land possible. Two railroads traverse the southern part of Clay County—The M., K. & T., extending from Wichita Falls to Denton and Dallas, via Whitesboro, and the Fort Worth & Denver City main line between Denver and Fort Worth. Both roads pass through Henrietta. The Wichita Valley Railroad, controlled by the Fort Worth & Denver, runs through the northern part of the county. The town of Petrolia, one mile northwest of the oil field, is a thriving community, and will be greatly benefited by the development of the field. Its industries include a cotton gin, at which 1,200 bales of cotton were ginned last season, a bank and three grain elevators. Byers Brothers own 35,000 acres lying between the field and the Red River. They are stock raisers. The principal crop in Clay County is wheat.

Among those who have visited the Clay County field during the past week are Superintendent Black of the Higgins Oil & Fuel Company; E. R. Brown, manager of the Corsicana Refining Company and the Corsicana Petroleum Company; Ed Prather, Frank Cullinan, Judge R. E. Brooks, P. M. Lea, Guy Gibson, T. J. Carmody and W. M. Peck. C. L. Wallis, general manager of the Higgins Oil & Fuel Company, who is interested in the Clayco Company, is expected here before the end of the week.

H. S. R.

Nothing has been received in Beaumont up to March 17 to indicate any change in conditions in the Henrietta district, as portrayed in the foregoing. The opinion is expressed, however, that the new well would show a greater capacity if equipped with new rods and cups. The rods and cups now used are old and not capable of rendering full service. The well is pumped at its present rate in order not to create too much section and disturb the water, which has been shut off with a seedbag. The Clayco Oil & Pipe Line Company is preparing to start two strings of tools immediately, and possibly three. Other operators are getting ready to get into the game. Land transfers are being made on the basis of $150 to $250 an acre. Holt has sold 80 acres out of a 160-acre tract, close to the new development, for $150 an acre.

DEAL ON FOR GLENN STUFF.

TULSA, I. T., March 17 (Special Telegram).—J. B. Kerr and others of Lima, Ohio, are on a deal for the Ridge Oil Company's property in the Glenn field, comprising 120 acres in the southwest quarter of Section 3 and forty acres in the northwest quarter of the same section. One well has been completed on the south line of the lease and is flowing seventy barrels. Another is drilling.

Notice was received yesterday that the Shamrock Oil Company's lease on eighty acres in the southwest quarter of Section 9, eighty acres in the southwest quarter of Section 9 and eighty acres in the northeast and northwest quarters of Section 9 had been approved by the interior department. Matthew Taylor and Charles Page own the Shamrock Company. They will start development work immediately. H. S. R.

TULSA, I. T., March 18. — (Special Telegram.)—The J. B. Kerr deal for the Ridge Oil company property is off.

H. S. R.

PIPE LINE AND TANKAGE WORK.

TULSA, I. T., March 15 (Special).—The Gulf Pipe Line Company on March 13 began laying its 8-inch trunk line south from the Glenn field, starting at the tank farm in the northwest quarter of Section 7, township 17 north, range 13 east. About one and three-quarter miles of pipe has been screwed and ditched in the three day that the crew has been working. To-day the record was 221 joints. The Texas Company began running oil this week from its wells in the south half of Section 8, comprising the properties purchased from the Oklahoma State Oil Company and the Commercial Oil Company. There were five wells on the leases when they were taken over, and four have been completed since. The Producers Oil Company, which is operating the properties, is running eight strings of tools, and will drill up the land as rapidly as the work can be done. On March 13 the Prairie Oil & Gas Company, following the precedent it established in the case of the leases with which the Gulf Company connected its lines in January, disconnected from the Producers Oil Company's leases in Section 8. The Gulf Company has completed four 55,000-barrel tanks and has 90,000 barrels of oil in storage. During the first fourteen days of March it increased its stocks at the rate of about 4,166 barrels a day. The Texas Company has completed five 37,500-barrel tanks. The Prairie Oil & Gas Company, by the end of this week, will have completed and filled twenty-four 35,000-barrel tanks at Jenks. This will add seven tanks to the seventeen completed up to March 1, making a total of twenty-four. The Prairie Company now has 800,000 barrels of Glenn oil in storage at Jenks. It is working 300 men on its tank construction, and will bring another hundred from Ramona next week. The Prairie Company intends to build five tanks a week at Jenks providing storage for 25,000 barrels of oil a day. It expects to handle 35,000 barrels a day of Glenn pool production. The Prairie's runs from this field during the first half of March have averaged about 20,000 barrels a day.

MORE TANKAGE ORDERED.

The Beacon Oil Company, operating the northeast quarter of Section 9, has ordered three 55,000-barrel steel tanks, and has completed the grades for the first two. Considerably more than 1,000,000 barrels of Glenn pool oil will go into steel storage next month. The Prairie Company will tank 600,000 barrels, the Gulf Company and The Texas Company will probably tank 300,000 barrels, and various producers will be running oil into their own storage—among these being W. H. Millikin, who started pumping to his tanks at Mounds last month, the Quaker Oil Company, which is building storage south of the field, the Associated Producers Company and the Beacon Company, if its tanks are completed in time.

PRAIRIE RUNS AND DELIVERIES.

The runs of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company during the first week of March amounted to 554,016.86 barrels, an average of 79,145.27 barrels a day, while the deliveries totaled 461,250.25 barrels, a daily average of 65,892.89 barrels, indicating that 92,766.61 barrels, a daily average of 13,252.38 barrels, went into tanks. This record compares with daily average runs for the first week in March of 73,137.85 barrels, indicating a daily gain in March of 6,007.42 barrels. Deliveries in the first week of February averaged 52,473.56 barrels a day, showing a gain in the first week of March of 13,419.33 barrels daily. The average daily runs of the Prairie Company throughout February were 81,861.31 barrels. The first week of March, therefore, was 2,716.04 barrels a day under the daily average runs in February. The daily average shipments in February amounted to 62,826.85 barrels, which, compared with the first week in March, shows a decrease of 3,066.04 barrels.

GULF COMPANY RUNS.

The runs of the Gulf Pipe Line Company in the first two weeks of March amounted to 70,932.66 barrels, an average of 5,066.61 barrels a day. Deliveries during the same period amounted to 18,996.59 barrels, a daily average of 1,356.89 barrels. The quantity placed in storage was 51,936.07 barrels, or an average of 3,709.72 barrels a day. Stocks at 7 a. m., March 15, totaled 92,123.64 barrels.

Corrected figures make the Gulf runs in February 72,414.41 barrels, an average of 2,586.23 barrels. Deliveries in the same period totaled 41,278.32 barrels, a daily average of 1,474.22 barrels. The amount put in tanks was 31,136.09 barrels, or a daily average of 1,112 barrels. The daily average runs in the first two weeks of March show an increase of 2,480.38 barrels, compared with the daily average in February, and the daily average deliveries were 118.33 barrels less in March than in February. The daily average amount put into tankage in the first two weeks of March was 2,597.72 barrels greater than the daily average in February. The Gulf Company on March 11 ran 8,442 barrels of Glenn crude, this being the largest amount it has handled in a single day since starting in January. The January runs totaled 20,938.72 barrels and deliveries 17,265.87 barrels, indicating that 3,672.85 barrels went into storage. The Gulf people are building seven tanks on the Hamilton farm, and will shortly be in a position to largely increase the runs.

FEBRUARY FIELD OPERATIONS.

One hundred and eighty-one wells were completed in the Oklahoma districts in February—4 dry and 3 gassers—with new production put at 30,380 barrels. This record compares with 153 completions in January—13 dry and 9 gassers—and new output figured at 17,700 barrels. February, therefore, shows an increase of 28 new completions, 12,680 barrels of new production, two dry holes and five gassers. Two hundred and twelve drilling wells and rigs were credited to Oklahoma on February 28, against 197 on January 31, an increase of 15.

Kansas completed 18 wells in February—3 dry and 9 gassers—with new production estimated at 75 barrels. Eighteen wells were drilling and no rigs up on February 28. Twenty-three thousand barrels of new production in Oklahoma in February is credited to the Glenn pool, against 12,350 barrels in January, indicating an increase of 10,650 barrels.

BASS AND BOWLES BUY GLENN POOL PROPERTY.

Several transactions in Glenn pool properties have been recorded during the past two weeks, the most important being the purchase in fee simple by T. H. Bass and W. P. Bowles of Beaumont of the Nevada Berryhill 80 acres, comprising the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 9, for a consideration of $150,000, of which $40,000 was paid in cash, the balance to come out of half the oil produced on the land. Four wells will be started immediately, and contracts for six more will be let in the near future. This property is in 1,000-barrel territory. It has never been drilled. Bass took two-thirds of the deal and Bowles one-third. Both are well-known Texas operators, Bass having made his first "killing" at Batson, later getting in on the gusher territory at Jennings. Bowles has confined his operations to Spindletop, where he has some excellent production in blocks 20 and 21 of the Gladys City subdivision. Bass also is operating on Spindletop.

SALE OF MINOR LEASES.

On March 14, at Muskogee, four minor leases, comprising 160 acres of the Robert Pitman, Jr., allotment, in Section 7, in the Glenn field, were sold to the highest bidders, bringing a total of $50,125, or an average of $311 an acre. Seven and one-half acres in the southeast corner of the northeast quarter brought $10,300, or at the rate of $1,373 an acre. J. W. Sloan bought this piece for the Producers Oil Company of Beaumont. Forty acres in the northwest corner of the northeast quarter was knocked down at $17,200 to Sloan, for the Producers Company. The price in this case was $430 an acre. H. B. Gooch and R. M. McFarland bought forty acres in the southwest corner of the southwest quarter for $4,500, or at the rate of $112.50 an acre. Harry Sinclair of Independence got 72 1-2 acres in the south half of the northwest quarter for $18,125, or at the rate of $250 an acre. The forty acres bought by McFarland & Gooch will be taken over by the Mountain Oil Company and the Holdenville Oil & Gas Company. The latter concern has six wells in the northwest quarter of Section 17 in the Glenn field, which are making 3,300 barrels a day. All of the property is within less than a mile of producing wells. The well recently brought in by the Selby Oil Company in the northeast corner of Section 18 is about three-quarters of a mile from the forty acres bought by McFarland & Gooch. All indications point to the extension of the field to the northwest.

WELL IN SECTION 18 SETTLES DOWN.

The well of the Selby Oil Company in the northeast corner of Section 18 has settled down to about 800 barrels a day. When it came in it filled two 1,600-barrel tanks in nine hours—the first one in four hours. The development which will follow in Section 18 and immediately north in Section 7 promises to be extensive. The minor leases in Section 7 purchased at Muskogee this week cannot be drilled until they are approved by the interior department. This may require several weeks.

GLENN POOL COMPLETIONS IN MARCH.

Following are some of the completions reported in the Glenn field since March 1:

Selby Oil Company No. 2, Thomas Berryhill, 18-17-12; 600 barrels.

Beacon Oil Company No. 3, Birdie Sells, 9-17-12; 350 barrels.

J. A. Chapman No. 6, J. A. Chapman, 17-17-12; 450 barrels.

Oklahoma State Oil Company No. 5, Gracie Berryhill, 17-17-12; 300 barrels.

Oklahoma State Oil Company No. 4, Gracie Berryhill, 17-17-12; 400 barrels.

Oklahoma State Oil Company No. 3, Gracie Berryhill, 17-17-12; 350 barrels.

Prairie Oil & Gas Company No. 11, William Buckself, 21-17-12; 300 barrels.

Commercial Oil Company No. 3, Alice Harjo, 8-17-12; 350 barrels.

Prairie Oil & Gas Company No. 10, William Buckself, 21-17-12; 200 barrels.

Eastern Oil Company No. 4, J. F. Rhodes, 20-17-12; 250 barrels.

Creek Oil & Gas Company No. 3, J. W. Graves, 10-17-12; 800 barrels.

Howard Mitchell and others No. 1, Nettie Coleman, 23,17,12; dry.

Donahue Oil Company No. 3, Allen W. Ralston, 4-17-12; 250 barrels, shot.

Laurel Oil & Gas Company No. 3, William Berryhill, 17-17-12; 200 barrels.

Quaker Oil Company No. 5, J. R. Bowling, 21-17-12; 300 barrels.

Prairie Oil & Gas Company No. 10, William Buckself, 21-17-12; 350 barrels.

W. H. Millikin No. 13, Thos. Gilcrease, 22-17-12; 500 barrels.

National Oil & Development Company No. 2, Richard P. Adams, 8-17-12; 400 barrels.

Gulf Oil Company No. 3, Roy Pitman, 8-17-12; 250 barrels.

Gulf Oil Company No. 4, Roy Pittman, 8-17-12; 200 barrels.

W. H. Millikin No. 14, Thomas Gilcrease, 22-17-12; 350 barrels.

Selby Oil Company No. 1, Anna E. Kiefer, Section 26; dry at 1,800 feet.

R. S. Litchfield No. 1, Zeke Moore, 8-17-12; 400 barrels.

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Quaker Oil Company No. 6, T. Ahgokeia, 21-17-12; 100 barrels.

Harman & Blaze No. 1, Mary L. Hoffstetter, 20-17-12; 150 barrels.

Oklahoma State Oil Company No. 6, Gracie Berryhill, 17-17-12; 200 barrels.

IN THE SKIATOOK DISTRICT.

In the Skiatook field the Creek & Indiana Development Company has completed a well on the Nancy Chisholm farm in Section 13-21-12, which is reported good for 150 barrels. On March 1 there were fifty wells producing in the Skiatook district, with a total output of 1,950 barrels, or about 40 barrels to the well. Two wells were completed in this field in February, and on the last day of the month three were drilling and six rigs were up. This is 1,200-foot territory, and after the Glenn pool gets down to a pumping basis more will be heard of Skiatook. Several deals for production in this field are pending.

BARNSDALL'S LEASES IN CHEROKEE AND CREEK NATIONS.

The following, which appeared in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of March 11 as a special dispatch from Washington gives the latest news with regard to T. N. Barnsdall's Cherokee and Creek leases.

"T. N. Barnsdall, the big gas operator in the Indian Territory, has bowed to the edict of the interior department and reduced his lease holdings in the Cherokee and Creek Nations, to 4,800 acres, the limit fixed by law. He held leases on about 5,600 acres in those two nations, and the department got after him. He held out for several weeks, but has finally come in and canceled all his leases above 4,800 acres. The department will not make public the leases canceled. It will simply notify the owners of the land of the fact and let them quietly hunt for new customers. Barnsdall still holds over 100,000 acres of leases in the Osage country, which cannot be touched by the department. The law limiting holdings to 4,800 acres applies only to the Indian Territory. The Osage Nation is in Oklahoma."

DEVELOPMENT AT GOTEBO.

James O'Neil Bruen of Chanute came in today from Gotebo, Kiowa County, Okla. Seventeen or eighteen wells have been drilled in the district near Gotebo, and oil testing 37 gravity has been developed at 385 feet. One well is now flowing about 20 barrels and two others are pumping 16 barrels. Gotebo is nine miles east and a little south of Hobart. Twenty-five miles west of Hobart at Granite, local people in conjunction with Chicago interests, are sinking a test well which has been drilling two years. It is stated that the hole has cost, to date, $45,000. It is 2,200 feet deep, and the pay sand has so far eluded the drillers. Gotebo is 100 miles north and a little west of the Henrietta, or Clay County (Texas), field, where a deep sand yielding 41-gravity oil was developed the first of the month. Mr. Bruen says this well is reported a 15-barrel producer at Gotebo. He inclines to the opinion that the sand found at Henrietta is the same as the 385-foot sand at Gotebo.

LATERAL LINES TO HENRIETTA A POSSIBILITY.

Operators here are speculating upon the probable action of the two companies which are laying lines to Texas with regard to the Clay County (Texas) development. The Clay County field is more than 100 miles west of the survey for The Texas Company's line, which crosses Red River near Denison, and 140 miles west of the survey for the Gulf Company's line, which crosses the river near Arthur. It is believed that if further development in Clay County proves a large area of territory that will produce 100-barrel wells, the Texas lines will run laterals to the field. The oil is reported to be especially desirable for refining, and if it is found in large quantities, the pipe-line companies will go after it.

PAY SAND IN A DEEP WELL SOUTH OF CLEVELAND.

The Big Wolf Oil Company, composed of Wisconsin people, has found the Bartlesville sand at a depth of 2,809 feet on the R. F. Meadows farm in Section 11, nine miles south and west of Cleveland, Okla. All estimates of the probable capacity are mere guesses. Oil is coming up through 2,000 feet of water, but not enough to indicate what the well may do. It is believed, however, to be good for 50 to 300 barrels. The owners control about 3,000 acres of leases in the neighborhood of the well. There is much activity in land and leases near the new development.

PRICE OF OIL ADVANCED ANOTHER CENT.

On March 9 the Prairie Oil & Gas Company announced an advance of 1 cent a barrel on all grades of Mid-Continent crude, making the price 41 cents for 32 gravity and above and 28 cents for fuel oil. This is the second raise of 1 cent within a month. The Gulf Pipe Line Company met the new quotation immediately. The Texas Company is not yet in the market, and therefore has made no price. Producers are encouraged by the apparent strength of the market, and are expecting a few more pennies to be tacked on to the price when the Glenn pool passes its zenith and starts to decline to a pumping proposition.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Nothing new has developed at this end of the line with regard to the shipments of Glenn crude to the Security refinery at Beaumont. It is stated by the Midland Valley officials that they will shortly be in position to handle two trains of oil a day. As yet no loading rack or siding has been laid out at Jenks. The Union Tank Line Company is building 1,500 new cars, which, added to its present equipment, will give it about 10,500 cars. Whether a portion of this equipment will be diverted to the transportation of Glenn crude remains to be seen.

The test well at Stroud is shut down at 2,650 feet. The Dustin test is a dead one at 2,000 feet.

John L. Havice, formerly in the general offices of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company at Independence, has assumed the duties of assistant foreman of the Tulsa district, of which J. R. Manion is foreman. Mr. Havice will get a practical knowledge of field work in his new position. He has been in the office some eighteen years and wants to take a turn at the outside end of the business.

H. P. Langworthy, formerly in charge of the oil-buying department of the Gulf Pipe Line Company at Beaumont, has been transferred to Tulsa to assume the same position here. Since coming to Tulsa he has had word from Beaumont of the arrival at his home there of a new boy. The news had no effect on the oil market.

Robert L. Larkin of Beaumont has been made purchasing agent for the Gulf Pipe Line Company in Tulsa. His position as assistant purchasing agent for the Gulf Company at Beaumont has been filled by the appointment of W. L. Sloan.

W. A. ("Chauncey Bill") Stuart has drilled in his No. 6 on the Johnson farm at Skiatook. It started off at 500 barrels.

Robert L. Jordan, formerly of Jennings and Port Arthur, is now in Tulsa.

The committee of the whole of the Oklahoma constitutional convention adopted a provision authorizing the state mine, oil and gas inspector to inspect all refined oils sold in the state, and making the flash test 115 degrees Fahrenheit and the gravity test 40 degrees Beaume.

A report from St. Louis states that the American Oil & Pipe Line Company shot its well on the Kosten farm near Collinsville, Madison County, Ill., and that it is a producer. The sand was found at 1,514 feet, according to the report.

The deal by which J. S. Glenn was to acquire 30,000 acres of Indian Territory land from the International Land Company at an average price of $8 an acre has fallen through.

The Gulf Pipe Line surveying crew has completed the survey between Lufkin and Big Sandy, Texas. H. S. R.

POWELL PRODUCTION SOLD FOR ONE YEAR.

CORSICANA, TEXAS, March 13 (Special).—The Corsicana Refining Company has made contracts for practically all of the Powell, or heavy oil production, for a period of one year from March 4, at 70 cents a barrel. This is the first time that the purchasing company has made contracts of this kind. The output of the Powell field is averaging a little more than 2,000 barrels a day. The demand for fuel oil in north Texas is keener than it has ever been, and the Powell oil finds a ready market. Recently the Southern Pacific bought 200,000 barrels of Powell crude. This company would have taken a greater quantity, but it has not sufficient cars to handle more. Corsicana operators are evincing much interest in the development of a deep sand at Henrietta. Many of them have gone to the Clay County field to look it over. Some have returned—among them Guy Gibson, W. M. Peck and P. M. Lea. They are not inclined to pay the prices that are being asked—$400 and $500 an acre. It is next to impossible to get leases close in. H. S. R.

SECURITY'S PLANS.

The plans of the Security Oil Company, operating a refinery in the Beaumont district, in connection with obtaining a supply of Territory crude, as indicated in the last number of the JOURNAL, are rather indefinite. The statement is made that arrangements have not yet been fully perfected, and the question as to the amount to be handled and the time when shipments will commence has not been determined. Beaumont traffic officials have received no advices indicative of an early movement of crude from the Territory under the special rate of 15 cents per hundred pounds, via the Midland Valley and the Kansas City Southern.

J. C. Wilson, who was severely injured February 20, in an accident on Highland Avenue, has left the hospital and gone for a visit with the home folks at Meridian, Miss., fully recovered, with the exception of a partial paralysis of the nerves near the left eye, which is expected to pass away in a short time.

MID-CONTINENT STATISTICS

(FEBRUARY AND MARCH)

RUNS AND DELIVERIES.

PRAIRIE OIL AND GAS COMPANY.

One week March	Total	Average
Runs	554,016.86	79,145.27
Deliveries	461,250.25	65,892.89
Put into tank	92,766.61	13,252.38

First Week February.

	Total	Average
Runs	511,964.92	73,137.85
Deliveries	367,314.89	52,473.56
Put into tank	144,650.03	20,664.29

Difference in Runs.

Month	Total	Average
March	554,016.86	79,145.27
February	511,964.92	73,137.85
Increase March	42,051.94	6,007.42

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March	461,250.25	65,892.89
February	367,314.89	52,473.56
Increase in March	93,935.36	13,419.33

GULF PIPE LINE COMPANY.

Two Weeks of March.

Two weeks March	Total	Average
Runs	70,932.66	5,066.61
Deliveries	18,996.59	1,356.89
Put into tank	51,936.07	3,709.72
Stocks, 7 a. m., March 15		92,123.64

Month of February.

February	Total	Average
Runs	72,414.41	2,586.23
Deliveries	41,278.32	1,474.22
Put into tank	31,136.09	1,112.00

Comparisons.

Daily aver. runs two weeks March	5,066.61
Daily average runs February	2,586.23
Increase daily average March	2,480.38
Daily average deliveries March	1,356.89
Daily average deliveries February	1,474.32
Decrease daily average March	117.43

FEBRUARY FIELD SUMMARY.

District	Comp.	Prod.	Dry	Gas	Rigs	Drg.	T'l
Cherokee deep sand	45	2,560	5	4	5	52	57
Cherokee shallow*	71	3,700	5	3	1	29	30
Osage	12	1,100	0	2	1	16	17
Creek (Glenn pool)	49	23,000	4	3	38	61	99
Oklahoma	4	20	1	2	0	9	9
Totals	181	30,380	15	14	45	167	212
Jan. record	153	17,700	13	9	42	155	197
Inc. Feb.	28	12,680	2	5	3	12	15
Oklahoma	181	30,380	15	14	45	167	212
Kansas	18	75	3	0	0	18	18
Totals	199	30,455	18	23	45	185	230
January	190	17,773	23	30	42	173	215
Difference	9	12,682	5	7	3	12	15

Increase completed wells	9
Inecrease new production	12,682
Decrease dry holes	5
Decrease gassers	7
Increase rigs	3
Inecrease drilling wells	12
Net increase	15
Average Oklahoma wells (barrels)	167
Average Kansas wells (barrels)	4

BILL TO TAX OIL PRODUCTION IN PENNSYLVANIA.

A bill has been introduced in the Pennsylvania house placing a tax of 5 mills on all crude petroleum produced, the money to go to good roads and schools. Oil producers of every character are included, the tax to be paid to the state treasurer on settlement made by the auditor-general on reports submitted by the producers. The penalty for failure to report is 25 per cent of the sum taxed by the settlement.

A resolution has also been offered creating a joint legislative committee to investigate the methods of the Standard Oil Company in its manufacture of oils, to ascertain what frauds, if any, have been resorted to in such manufacture, which laws have been executed or evaded, etc., the committee to hold sessions at Harrisburg, to report before adjournment, and to send for persons and papers. Consideration of the resolution was postponed.

GULF COAST PRODUCTION

SOUTHEAST TEXAS DISTRICTS.

District	Feb.14	Feb.28	Mch 15
Saratoga	9,500	10,150	8,500
Batson	7,500	7,800	8,000
Humble	7,400	7,900	9,700
Sour Lake	6,500	8,000	6,800
Spindletop	3,900	3,900	3,900
Dayton	425	550	425
Total	35,225	38,300	37,325

The increase on March 15, compared with February 14, was 2,100 barrels, and a decrease of 975 barrels, compared with February 28.

LOUISIANA DISTRICTS.

District	Feb.14	Feb.28	Mch.15
Jennings	13,000	13,000	11,900
Welsh	125	125	125
Caddo	150	120	100
Total	13,275	13,245	12,125

The decrease on March 15, compared with February 14, was 1,150 barrels, and 1,120 barrels, compared with February 28.

GULF COAST REGION.

District	Feb.14	Feb.28	Mch.15
Southeast Texas	35,225	38,300	37,325
Louisiana	13,275	13,245	12,125
Total	48,500	51,545	49,450

The increase on March 15, compared with February 14, was 950 barrels, and a decrease of 2,095 barrels compared with February 28.

FIELD STOCKS.

District	March 1	March 15
Jennings	848,200	929,000
Sour Lake	736,928	923,232
Saratoga	342,000	303,000
Humble	136,062	137,860
Batson	45,600	60,000
Caddo	300	1,300
Totals	2,109,090	2,354,392
Increase March 15		245,302

WILDCAT NOTES.

The Paraffine Oil Company's test, about two miles north of Raywood, in what is known as the Devers territory, was abandoned some time ago, a dry hole, at something over 1,000 feet.

The West Columbia Oil Company's test at West Columbia in Brazoria County, on the Hogg estate, is suspended at close to 780 feet. The crew has been moved to Hoskins Mound, where C. W. Nelson is preparing to put down a hole for the Mound Oil Comoany, some distance from the original development in that territory.

The Higgins Oil & Fuel Company is down close to 970 feet at Nacogdoches. The Producers Oil Company has started drilling a test about twelve miles northeast of Nacogdoches, where it has 1,200 acres in fee and some leases. The fee land cost $7.50 an acre and was purchased a short time ago.

Arrangements are being made to put down a test at Thompson, Texas, a station on the Santa Fe Railroad, about fourteen miles below Richmond. The test will be close to an old water hole drilled two or three years ago, in which gas and a showing of oil was encountered. Davie of Sour Lake will do the work.

The Producers Oil Company is preparing to drill at Stoker postoffice, seven miles southeast of Appleby, Texas.

S. D. Felt is working on a deep hole about five miles northwest of Chesterville, just across the San Bernard creek in Austin County, or about thirteen miles from Eagle Lake. It is a 2-inch hole down something over 2,500 feet.

The Kirbyville Oil Company has started a test at Kirbyville, Texas.

I. E. Dean has abandoned his latest test at Matagorda—dry.

GULF COAST WELL SUMMARY

(FIRST HALF OF MARCH)

COMPLETED.

District	Completed	Prod'g	Dry	Abandoned	Prod'n
Humble	8	7	1	9	3,475
Sour Lake	6	6	0	0	1,605
Batson	12	8	4	4	1,045
Saratoga	8	7	1	0	915
Spindletop	10	7	3	1	510
Jennings	3	2	1	3	500
Dayton	..	..	..	..	...
Caddo	3	0	*3	0	...
Welsh	..	..	..	..	...
Totals	50	37	13	17	8,050
Last half Feb.	31	28	3	10	5,345
Increase	19	9	10	7	2,705

*Two gassers.

WELLS DRILLING AND RIGS.

District	Drilling Feb. 28.	Drilling Mch. 15.	Rigs Feb. 28.	Rigs Mch. 15.	Total Mch. 15.
Humble	35	52	22	11	63
Sour Lake	10	7	2	3	10
Batson	11	10	8	6	16
Saratoga	14	14	3	7	21
Spindletop	18	16	5	2	18
Jennings	8	9	6	1	10
Dayton	1	3	0	0	3
Caddo	12	11	1	1	12
Welsh	1	2	1	0	2
Totals	110	124	48	31	155
Total Feb. 28					158
Decrease March 15					3

PROGRESS OF PIPE-LINE WORK.

The East Texas Transfer Company, stringing contractors for the Gulf Pipe Line Company, on March 15, had reached a point three miles north of Lelaville, or twenty-two miles strung north of Sour Lake, on the Territory-Gulf 8-inch line. The laying gang is six miles behind the stringers. The Transfer company is now through the big thicket and the swamps, and expects to make rapid progress in the future. Crews will start stringing and laying March 18 from Big Sandy, about 150 miles north of Sour Lake, coming southward. The pipe is on the ground and everything is in readiness to rush the material through as fast as possible. In about fifteen days it is expected that laying and stringing will begin north from Big Sandy. Work is progressing satisfactorily north and south from Lufkin.

EASTERN PRICES ADVANCED.

The Seep Purchasing Agency on March 9 advanced credit balances 5 cents a barrel for Pennsylvania dark and amber oil and 2 cents a barrel on all other grades. Pennsylvania amber is now quoted at $1.78, an advance of 20 cents since the first of the year, or 14 cents higher than any quotation last year. Pennsylvania dark is now listed at $1.68, or 4 cents higher than at any time in 1906. North and South Lima and Indiana, under the new list, are still lower than last year, when North Lima touched 98 cents and South Lima and Indiana 93 cents. Illinois is now quoted at 68 cents.

The sum of $14,750,000 was disbursed, March 15, among the stockholders of the Standard Oil Company, in payment of the first quarterly dividend of 1907. The dividend is one of $15 a share, which is the same in amount as that declared at this time last year and the year before. If the disbursements this year continue the same as those of last year, the company will have paid out by the end of 1907 a total of appropximately $367,523,000 since the organization of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey in 1899.

W. H. Stenger of Jennings, La., has returned from New Orleans, where he spent several days in taking Scottish Rite degrees in Masonry.

William Dixon, well known in the southwest lumber trade, has been appointed general sales agent of the Beaumont Lumber Company of Beaumont.

EASTERN FIELD STATISTICS

(FEBRUARY AND MARCH)

Runs From the Wells.

States of Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Indiana in 1907.

Month	Total	Average
January	2,856,177.83	92,134.77
February	2,655,130.78	94,826.69
Increased daily average		2,691.32

Regular Deliveries.

Month	Total	Average
January	5,026,876.62	162,157.31
February	4,784,869.17	170,888.18
Increase daily average		8,730.87

Runs and Deliveries Compared.

By	January	February
Deliveries	5,026,876.62	4,784,869.17
Runs	2,856,177.83	2,655,130.78
Difference	2,170,698.79	2,129,738.39
Decrease in February		40,960.40
Daily average in February		76,062.08
Daily average in January		70,022.54
Increased daily shortage Feb.		6,039.54

PIPE LINE STOCKS.

	January 31	February 28
Total	*13,690,937.26	*13,404,723.90
Decrease on February 28		286,213.36
Daily average reduction Feb.		10,221.90
Daily average reduction Jan.		16,782.75
Decrease in February		6,560.85

*Includes receipts of Illinois and Mid-Continent crude.

ILLINOIS RUNS AND DELIVERIES.

(For February.)

Ohio Oil Co.	Total	Average
Runs	918,620.35	32,807.87
Deliveries	*452,045.96	16,144.49
Put into tanks	466,574.39	12,663.38
Total stocks February 28	2,756,740.11	

*Consisted of 1,013.57 regular deliveries and 451,032.39 barrels delivered to eastern pipe lines.

STOCKS EAST OF MISSISSIPPI.

Districts	
Lima-Pennsylvania	*13,404,723.90
Illinois	2,756,740.11
Total, February 28	16,161,464.01

*Gross—no deductions for sediment, waste, etc.

MARCH RUNS AND SHIPMENTS.

	Total	Average
*Shipments	1,499,245	149,924
**Runs	1,075,513	119,502
Shortage		30,422

*March 1 to 10. **March 1 to 9.

Same Periods in February.

	Total	Average
Shipments	1,639,202	163,920
Runs	940,427	104,492
Shortage		58,428

March and February Compared.

Shipments	Total	Average
February	1,639,202	163,920
March	1,499,245	149,924
Decrease March	139,957	13,996

Runs	Total	Average
March	1,075,513	119,502
February	940,427	104,492
Increase March	135,086	15,010

Note.—The runs of Illinois crude are included in the statement for March and February 1 to 9. The March period runs amounted to 326,779 barrels and the February period 260,797 barrels, indicating an increase in March of 65,982 barrels. The daily average in March was 36,308 barrels and 28,977 barrels in February, indicating a daily increase in March of 7,331 barrels.

All of the foregoing compilations were made from records of the *Oil City Derrick* of Oil City, Pa.

A party of eastern stockholders in The Texas Company were in Beaumont March 6, being entertained by President J. S. Cullinan, who took them to Port Neches and other points of interest. The party included Eugene Horton of New York; S. B. Davidge of Middleton, N. J.; T. B. Crary, Binghamton, N. Y.; Calvert Crary of Boston and Roscoe Crary of Chicago.

CRUDE PETROLEUM MARKET

Quotations on Credit Balances as Posted by the Pipe Lines.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

Sun Company.

	Jan. 1.	Jan. 31.	Feb. 7.	Mar. 1.
Spindletop	75	78	80	83
Sour Lake, 20 and up	73	76	78	81
Sour Lake, 18 to 20	71	74	76	79
Sour Lake, 17 to 18	70	73	75	78
Batson, 20 and up	73	76	78	81
Batson, 17 to 20	70	73	75	78
Saratoga, 20 and up	73	76	78	80
Humble, heavy	75	78	80	83
Dayton, 20 and up	73	76	76	73
Dayton, below 20	70	73	73	73

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company.

	Dec. 1.	Dec. 20.	Jan. 19.	Feb. 26.	Mch. 12.
Sour Lake, light	67	70	73	76	79
Sour Lake, heavy	55	58	73	76	79
Saratoga	63	66	69	72	75
Batson, light	63	66	69	72	75
Batson, heavy	52.5	55.5	69	72	75
Humble	65	68	71	74	77
Spindletop	70	73	75	78	80

The Texas Company.

	Oct. 29.	Dec. 1.	Dec. 20.	Jan. 18.	Feb. 25.	Mch. 11.
Sour Lake	64	67	70	73	76	79
Saratoga	60	63	66	69	72	75
Humble	62	65	68	71	74	77
Jennings	58	60	63	66	69	72
Shreveport		60	63	66	69	72

Above prices do not include loading, storage or other charges on oil shipped by tank car.

NORTH TEXAS.

Corsicana, light	$1.02
Corsicana, heavy	.70
Henrietta, Texas	.95

KANSAS AND TERRITORIES.

Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

	Feb. 11.	Mch. 9.
32 gravity and over	$0.40	$0.41
32 to 31 1-2 gravity	.37	.38
31 1-2 to 31 gravity	.34	.35
31 to 30 1-2 gravity	.31	.32
30 1-2 to 30 gravity	.28	.29
Heavy or fuel oil	.27	.28

EASTERN STATES.

Scep Purchasing Agency.

	Feb. 11.	Mch. 9.
Pennsylvania	$1.63	$1.68
Second sand	1.63	1.68
Tiona oil	1.73	1.78
Amber oil	1.73	1.78
Corning	1.12	1.14
Newcastle	1.37	1.39
Cabell	1.20	1.22
Butler, Ohio	1.78	1.78
North Lima	.92	.94
South Lima	.87	.89
Indiana	.87	.89
Casey, Ill.	.66	.68
Princeton, Ind.	.66	.68
Somerset	.87	.89
Ragland	.60	.62

CANADA.

Scep Purchasing Agency.

Petrolia	$1.32
Government bounty	.525
Total	*1.865

Note.—Oil Springs is 7 cents higher.

Fred C. Smith, formerly of Corsicana, is now superintendent of the Port Neches refinery of The Texas Company.

SHORTAGE EASTERN REGION

(MONTH OF FEBRUARY)

By the pipe line companies east and west of the Mississippi River in the light crude fields.

Mid-Continent Fields.

Pipe line	Runs	Deliveries
Prairie O. & G. Co.	2,292,116.70	1,759,151.91
Gulf Pipe Line Co.	72,386.00	41,168.00
Total	2,364,502.70	1,800,319.91
Put into tankage		564,182.79
Daily average runs		84,446.31
Daily average deliveries		64,296.85
Put into tankage daily		20,149.38
Stocks February 28		24,576,195.00

The Illinois Field.

Pipe line	Runs	Deliveries
Ohio Oil Company	918,620.35	*452,045.96
Put into tankage		466,574.39
Daily average runs		32,807.37
Daily average deliveries		16,144.49
Put into tankage daily		12,663.38
Stocks February 28		2,756,740.11

*451,032.39 barrels delivered into custody of eastern pipe lines.

Eastern Fields.

Pipe line	Runs	Deliveries
All lines	2,655,130.78	4,784,869.17
Difference		2,129,738.39
Stocks on February 28		*13,404,723.90

*Includes receipts of Illinois and Mid-Continent crude. These figures show a decline of 286,213.36 barrels, compared with January 31.

ALL RUNS AND DELIVERIES.

Districts	Runs	Deliveries
Mid-Continent	2,364,502.70	1,800,319.91
Eastern region	2,655,130.78	4,784,869.17
Illinois	918,620.35	452,045.96
Total	5,938,253.83	7,037,235.04

Delivered to Eastern Lines.

From	
Mid-Continent fields	*1,392,492.64
Illinois fields	451,032.39
Total	1,843,525.03
Daily average Mid-Continent	49,731.88
Daily average Illinois	16,108.29
Total daily average	65,840.17

*Estimated.

NET RUNS AND DELIVERIES.

Districts	Runs	Total deliv.
East and west of Mississippi	5,938,253.83	7,037,235.04
Delivered to east		1,843,525.03
Net	5,938,253.83	5,193,710.01
Runs in excess of deliveries		744,543.82
Daily average runs		212,080.49
Daily average deliveries		185,489.64
Daily runs over deliveries		26,590.85

TOTAL EASTERN RECEIPTS.

By	Total	Average
Runs from the wells	2,655,130.78	94,826.09
Receipts from west	1,843,525.03	65,840.17
Total	4,498,655.81	160,666.26

EASTERN SHORTAGE.

By	Total	Average
Deliveries	4,784,869.17	170,888.18
Total receipts	4,498,655.81	160,666.26
Shortage	286,213.36	10,221.92

GROSS STOCKS LIGHT CRUDE.

Districts	
Mid-Continent	24,576,195.00
Eastern region	13,404,723.90
Illinois	2,756,740.11
Total on February 28	40,737,659.01

Note.—The figures in the foregoing indicating eastern stocks are gross, no account being taken of evaporation, waste, etc., and therefore do not make an accurate state-

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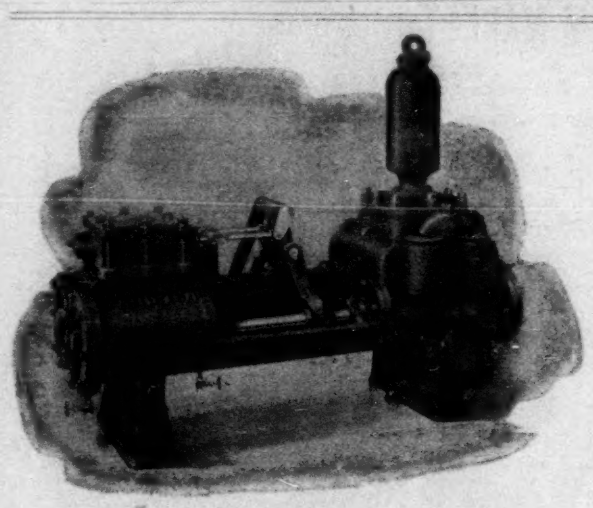

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GULF COAST OUTPUT DECREASED MARKET CONDITIONS ARE STRENGTHENED.

The gross output of the Gulf Coast region on March 15 was estimated at 49,450 barrels, against 51,545 barrels on February 28, indicating a decrease of 2,095 barrels in 15 days. Nine hundred and seventy-five barrels of the decline is credited to southeast Texas districts and 1,120 barrels to the Louisiana fields. Saratoga shows a falling off of 1,650 barrels; Sour Lake, 1,200 barrels; Dayton, 100 barrels; Jennings, 1,100 barrels, and Caddo, 20 barrels; while Batson increased in yield 200 barrels; Humble, 1,800 barrels, and Spindletop and Welsh remained unchanged. The output of the various fields on March 15 was as follows: Jennings, 11,900 barrels; Humble, 9,700 barrels; Saratoga, 8,500 barrels; Batson, 8,000 barrels; Sour Lake, 6,800 barrels; Spindletop, 3,900 barrels; Dayton, 450 barrels; Welsh, 125 barrels, and Caddo, 100 barrels. The total decline in output of all the fields, 2,095 barrels, is in the face of approximately 8,050 barrels of new production credited at the close of the first half of March. Humble is credited with 3,475 barrels of new output derived from the development of the 1,170-foot formation, which is rapidly approaching a climax, constituting the feature of interest in the Gulf Coast region.

MARKET STRONGER.

There has been a perceptible strengthening of market conditions in the past two weeks. The Texas Company and the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company made a straight advance of 3 cents in credit-balance quotations. The market for contracts is firm at 87 cents for the output of all southeast Texas fields, excepting Humble, where 90 cents is being offered for six-month contracts. Jennings oil is 95 cents to $1 on board cars. The strength of the situation at Humble, due to its location as a fuel-distributing center and the presence of jobbers, is being undermined by the rapid manner in which the development of the new sand is approaching a climax. The pipe line companies are not particularly anxious for the crude at the prices the fuel-oil brokers are offering—92 cents a barrel. Of the fifty-two wells drilling at Humble, 41 are after the 1,170-foot stuff, 18 of these wells being about ready to drill in, 20 drilling between 500 and 900 feet, 3 just started and 8 rigs are up. The brokers are now running oil to their full capacity. New wells in the 1,170-foot sand are starting off at the rate of 500 to 800 barrels a day. There will be something doing at Humble near the latter part of March and the first of April.

CREDIT BALANCES.

The Texas Company on March 11 made a straight advance of 3 cents a barrel in credit balances as follows: Sour Lake, 79 cents; Saratoga, 75 cents; Humble, 77 cents, and Jennings and Shreveport, 72 cents. The J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company on March 12 posted a 3-cent advance as follows: Sour Lake, 79 cents; Saratoga, 75 cents; Batson, 75 cents; Humble, 77 cents, and Spindletop, 80 cents. As an illustration of the improvement in market conditions at present over those that existed a year ago, the following table is given:

The Texas Company.

District	Jan.1 1906	Mch.1 1907	Increase in cents
Sour Lake	44	79	35
Saratoga	35	75	40
Humble	38	77	37
Jennings	..	72	..
Batson	34	..	..
Caddo	..	72	..

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company.

District	Jan.1 1906	Mch.1 1907	Increase in cents
Sour Lake, light	40	79	39
Sour Lake, heavy	32	79	47
Batson, light	35	75	40
Batson, heavy	32	75	43
Saratoga	34	75	41
Humble	34	77	43
Spindletop	45	80	35

The Sun Company did not post credit-balance quotations a year ago. Its prices, however, represent comparatively the same in advance as the Guffey and Texas companies.

PORT SHIPMENTS.

Port shipments of crude during the first half of March amounted to 129,500 barrels, an average of 8,633 barrels. This record compares with a daily average of 7,564 barrels in the first half of February, indicating a daily average increase in March of 1,069 barrels. Port shipments of other grades totaled 227,190 barrels, an average of 15,146 barrels a day, compared with a daily average in the first half of February of 9,401 barrels, showing daily increased movement in March of 5,745 barrels.

FIELD OPERATIONS.

Fifty wells were completed in the Gulf Coast region during the first half of March—37 producers and 13 dry—with new production put at 8,050 barrels. This record compares with 31 completions in the last half of February—28 producers and 3 dry—and new production estimated at 5,345 barrels. The March record, therefore, shows an increase of 19 completions—9 producers, 10 dry holes—and 2,705 barrels of new production. Humble completed eight wells, all producers excepting one, with new output estimated at 3,475 barrels from the 1,170-foot sand; Batson, 12 wells—8 producers and 4 dry—with new production figured at 1,045 barrels; Sour Lake completed 6 producers, with a total yield estimated at 1,605 barrels; Saratoga completed 8 wells, all producers excepting 1, with new production estimated at 915 barrels; Spindletop completed 10 wells—7 producers and 3 dry—with new output figured at 510 barrels, 225 barrels of which is credited to one well; Jennings completed 3 wells—1 dry and 2 producers—good for about 500 barrels.

One hundred and twenty-four wells were drilling and 31 rigs up in the Gulf Coast region on March 15. This record compares with 110 drilling wells and 48 rigs on February 28, indicating a decline of 3 drilling wells and rigs on March 15. Humble is credited with 52 drilling wells and 11 rigs; Saratoga, 14 drilling and 7 rigs; Spindletop, 16 drilling and 2 rigs; Batson, 10 drilling and 6 rigs; Sour Lake, 7 drilling and 3 rigs; Jennings, 9 drilling and 1 rig; Caddo, 11 drilling and 1 rig, and Dayton,

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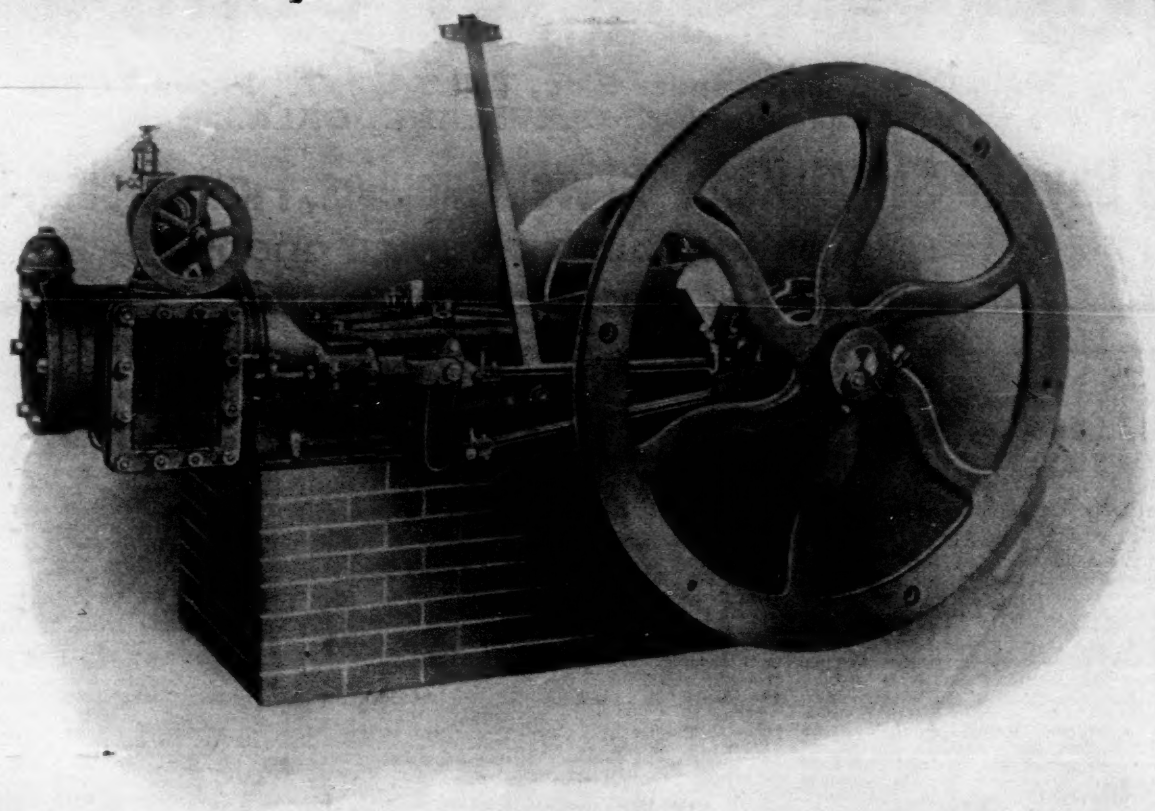

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3 drilling. Following is a summary of the various fields for the first half of March:

HUMBLE.

Eight wells were completed at Humble during the first half of March—1 dry and 7 producers in the 1,170-foot formation—with a total yield estimated at 3,475 barrels, an average of 496 barrels to the well. Two are credited with an output of 800 barrels each, three with 500 barrels each, one with 275 barrels, one with 100 barrels and one dry hole in the Cherry. The foregoing record compares with one completion in the last half of February, good for 300 barrels, from the 1,170-foot sand.

The gross output of the district on March 15 was estimated at 9,700 barrels, against 7,900 barrels on February 28, indicating an increase of 1,800 barrels, in the face of 3,475 barrels of new production, showing a falling off in the old wells of approximately 1,675 barrels in 15 days.

Fifty-two wells were drilling and 11 locations were recorded on March 15, against 35 drilling wells and 22 locations on February 28, indicating an increase of 6 drilling wells and locations. Forty-one drilling wells and 8 rigs are credited as work for the 1,170-foot stuff. Eighteen of these drilling wells are about into the sand, 20 drilling at close to 900 feet, and 3 just started. The situation indicates that the climax in the new development will occur in the latter part of this month and the first part of April. All of the holes are being finished with cable tools.

Ten drilling wells were shut down on March 15. Nine wells were abandoned in the first half of the month.

JENNINGS.

Three wells were completed in the Jennings district during the first half of March—1 salt-water and 2 producers—with new output figured at 500 barrels. There were no completions in the first half of February.

The gross output of the district on March 15 was estimated at 11,900 barrels, against 13,000 barrels on February 14 and 28, indicating a decline of 1,100 barrels. Four thousand barrels of the estimated output on March 15 was credited to the Jennings-Heywood Oil Syndicate; 1,800 barrels to the Heywood Oil Company; 1,500 barrels to G. B. Zeigler & Company; 1,100 barrels to Bass & Guffey; 1,000 barrels to the Crowley Oil & Mineral Company, and the balance scattered.

Nine wells were drilling and 1 rig up on March 15, compared with 7 drilling wells and 3 rigs on February 14 and 8 drilling wells and 6 rigs on February 28. Two old holes were drilling deeper March 15.

The Jennings Oil Company has purchased in fee from the Lyons Oil Corporation of Mobile, Ala., seven and one-half acres out of a 10-acre tract in the Jules Clement forty acres.

SOUR LAKE.

Six wells were completed in the Sour Lake district during the first half of March—all producers—with new production estimated at 1,605 barrels. This record compares with 9 completions in the last half of February—3 dry and 6 producers—with new output figured at 1,475 barrels. Three of the completions in the first half of March are credited to The Texas Company, making 725, 125 and 675 barrels respectively. The other completions are small pumpers.

The gross output of the district on March 15 was estimated at 6,800 barrels, against 8,000 barrels on February 28, indicating a decline of 1,200 barrels. The output on February 14 was estimated at 6,500 barrels. The wells completed in the last

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half of February evidently have greatly reduced in output.

Seven wells were drilling and 3 rigs up on March 15, compared with 10 drilling wells and 2 rigs on February 28. Two of the drilling wells and 2 rigs are credited to The Texas Company.

BATSON.

Twelve wells were completed in the Batson district during the first half of March—4 dry and 8 producers—with new production figured at 1,045 barrels. This record compares with 8 completions in the last half of February, all producers, with new output estimated at 600 barrels. The gain in new production in the first half of March compared to the last half of February was 445 barrels. One of the new completions, Broomeface Oil Company No. 6, is making about 500 barrels, after an initial yield early in the month of between 800 and 1,000 barrels. This well extended the proven territory 250 feet northward.

The gross output of the field on March 15 was estimated at 8,000 barrels, against 7,800 barrels on February 28 and 7,500 barrels on February 14, indicating little change.

Ten wells were drilling and 6 rigs up on March 15, against 11 drilling wells and 8 rigs on February 28, indicating a loss of 1 drilling well and 2 rigs. The Batson Oil Company is putting down a hole on the Dies farm, about 600 feet north of the nearest producing well, which is attracting considerable interest.

SARATOGA.

Eight wells were completed in the Saratoga district in the first half of March—1 salt-water well and 7 producers—with new production estimated at 915 barrels. The expected gushers evidently failed to materialize. This record compares with 8 completions in the latter half of February, all producers, with a total yield estimated at 2,595 barrels. The March record therefore shows a decline of 1,680 barrels of new production.

The gross output of the field on March 15 was estimated at 8,500 barrels, against 10,150 barrels on February 28, indicating a decline of 1,650 barrels, caused by a slump in the output of the gushers developed last month.

Fourteen wells were drilling and 7 rigs up on March 15, against 14 drilling wells and 3 rigs on February 28, indicating practically no change in development work.

The largest completions in the first half of March were two 250-barrel wells credited to Brice & Bradley and the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, on the Saratoga Petroleum strip, and the H. A. Phillips of the Mary E. Hopkins, in the territory where the 1,500- and 1,800-barrel gushers were developed in February. Water is beginning to show.

SPINDLETOP.

Ten wells were completed in the Spindletop district during the first half of March—3 dry and 7 producers—with new output estimated at 510 barrels. One of the new completions is making 225 barrels, credited to the Cassie Oil Company operating the Higgins lease. The foregoing record compares with 3 completions in the latter half of February, all producers, credited with 200 barrels output.

The gross output of the district on March 15 was estimated at 3,900 barrels, the same as recorded on February 14 and 28. This estimate is conservative. The field is probably making close to 4,000 barrels on the basis of the new production obtained in the first half of the month.

Sixteen wells were drilling and 2 rigs up—1 old and 1 new—on March 15, against 18 drilling wells and 5 rigs on February 28, indicating a falling off in development work.

Considerable interest is attached to a hole being drilled by the Kathleen Oil Company (John W. Henderson and others), on the Chaison of the J. M. Hebert subdivision, which was into the sand on March 15, with a good showing. The Unity Oil Company got another duster on its farm, but has moved over and started another hole, with the determination either to get a producing well or dig up the lease.

CADDO, LA.

Three wells were completed in the Caddo district, in northwest Louisiana, during the first half of March. One was a dry hole at 2,747 feet in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 30, township 21 north, range 15 west, and preparations are being made to abandon it. The other two were gassers—one by T. N. Barnsdall on the H. Evans farm, two miles north of Mooringsport, south center of Section 18, township 20 north range 15 west, with a capacity of 15,000,000 feet, making the second gas well of its size completed by Barnsdall in the Caddo territory. The Dixon Oil & Pipe Line Company No. 2, on the Dixon farm, half a mile east of Texla No. 1, making about 75 barrels, is completed a 1,200,000-foot gassers.

The output of the two producing wells at Caddo is still declining, and it looks as though both will be making nothing but water in a month's time. The production of both wells is now put at 100 barrels, as against 120 barrels on February 28.

Eleven wells were drilling and 1 rig up on March 15 against 12 drilling wells and 1 rig on February 28.

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put of the Dayton field is estimated at 450 barrels, a decline of 100 barrels, compared with February 28. Welsh is credited with a daily output of 125 barrels.

WILDCAT SITUATION.

There is nothing attractive in the search for new production in the Gulf Coast region. Tests are going down in various localities, but have developed little of interest.

THE HUMBLE DISTRICT.

WELLS COMPLETED.

Ninety-Nine Pumping Company No. 1, Chapiot; depth, 1,165 feet; 275 barrels.

Paraffine Oil Company No. 2, Long; depth, 1,175 feet; 100 barrels.

W. W. Fondren No. 1, Barrett; depth, 1,167 feet; 800 barrels.

House & Coleman No. 2, Echols; depth, 1,171 feet; 800 barrels.

Producers Oil Company No. 32, Echols; depth, 1,171 feet; 500 barrels.

Producers Oil Company No. 34, Isaacs; depth, 1,170 feet; 500 barrels.

Producers and Ninety-Nine Pumping Company No. 33, Isaacs; depth, 1,185 feet; 500 barrels.

Nells Esperson No. 5, Cherry; dry.

Total new completions, 8—1 dry and 7 producers; new production estimated at 3,475 barrels; average per well, 496 barrels.

WELLS DRILLING.

John O'Neill No. 20, Echols; 1,115 feet; building standard pumping rig.

John O'Neill No. 22, Echols; 1,128 feet; fishing, cable tools.

John O'Neill No. 23, Echols; 950 feet.

John O'Neill No. 25, Isaacs; 1,000 feet.

John O'Neill No. 26, Isaacs; 750 feet.

John O'Neill No. 27, Isaacs; 401 feet.

J. R. Cheek No. 1, lot 17 of Isaacs.

J. R. Cheek No. 1, Woodgar 4 1-2 acres; 1,051 feet.

Granberry-Smith No. 18, Hermann; 1,091 feet; going over 4-inch with 6-inch.

Granberry-Smith No. 19, Hermann; 502 feet.

Simms & O'Neill No. 2, strip 4 of Echols; 1,132 feet, cable tools.

Simms & O'Neill No. 4, strip 4 of Echols; 753 feet.

Ninety-Nine Pumping Company No. 2, Cunningham and Collier; 851 feet.

Ninety-Nine Pumping Co. No. 1, Isaacs; 1,010 feet.

Ninety-Nine Pumping Company No. 1, strip 4 of Echols; 601 feet.

Lone Acre Oil Company No. 1, Long; 1,171 feet, cleaning out.

Rucker & Hale No. 1, Chapiot; 1,131 feet, fishing with cable tools.

Woods & O'Neill No. 1, Paddock of Echols; 1,179 feet, going deeper.

W. W. Fondren No. 2, Barrett; 752 feet.

House & Coleman No. 1, strip 6 of Echols; 1,155 feet, cable tools.

House & Coleman No. 3, strip 5 of Echols; 901 feet.

House & Coleman No. 4, strip 4 of Echols; 750 feet.

House & Coleman No. 5, strip 3 of Echols; 202 feet.

D. R. Beatty No. 19, Echols; 1,012 feet

D. R. Beatty No. 20, strip 4 of Echols; 1,160 feet, with rotary.

D. R. Beatty No. 21, Echols; 600 feet.

Beatty & O'Neill No. 1, Strip 8 of Echols; 852 feet.

Tomlinson & Patrick No , strip 6 of Echols; 1,136 feet, erecting standard pumping rig.

F. B. West No. 1, lot 19 of Isaacs; 960 feet.

Settigast & Beints No. 1, lot 21 of Isaacs; 960 feet.

Simms & Farish No. 1, lot 17 of Isaacs; 1,131 feet, erecting standard pumping rig.

Simms & Farish No. 2, Isaacs; 1,135 feet, erecting standard pumping rig.

Nells Esperson No. 2, Hermann; 1,276 feet.

Sun Company No. 1, Gaffney; 906 feet.

Sun Company No. 1, Echols; 950 feet.

Sun Company No. 3, O'Neill of Isaacs; 800 feet.

Harper & Hurst No. 10, Sharp 10 acres; 1,112 feet.

Reliance Oil Company No. 1, strip 6 of Echols; 986 feet, awaiting cable tools.

L. F. Benckenstein No. 1, strip 9 of Echols; 932 feet.

Ball-Carden and Producers No. 7, Mason; 800 feet.

E. F. Simms & Company No. 10, Mason; 1,138 feet, erecting standard pumping rig.

McKallip Brothers No. 1, Tolliver 2 acres; 902 feet.

Burt, McGaffey and others No. 1, lots 11 and 12, Holmes; cleaning out.

Brice & Nazro No. 1, lot 18 of Isaacs; 562 feet.

Tomlinson & Brice No. 1, Barrett; 451 feet.

Moonshine-Producers No. 64, Texas 8 acres; sanded up.

Northwest Oil Company No. 17, Hermann; 1,106 feet, cable tools.

Northwest Oil Company No. 18, Hermann; blowout.

Producers Oil Company No. 35, Echols; 978 feet.

Producers and Ninety-Nine Pumping Company No. 36, Echols; 573 feet.

Producers and Ninety-Nine Pumping Company No. 37, Echols; 200 feet.

Baldwin and Lake Development Company No. 1, strip 7 of Echols; 1,137 feet, cable tools.

Total wells drilling, 52.

DRILLING WELLS SHUT DOWN.

Devore Oil Company No. 4, Landslide.

E. V. and J. F. O'Neall No. 9, Weed.

Jack Ray No. 2, Landslide.

Rucker & Hale No. 2, Chapiot.

Esperson No. 1, Hermann; wildcat.

Harper & Hurst No. 1, Wren.

Ward & Donoghue No .1, Landslide.

Moonshine-Producers No. 10, Long 2 acres.

Moonshine-Producers No. 36, Conway; 1,020 feet.

Northwest Oil Company No. 10, Hermann; 1,772 feet.

NEW LOCATIONS.

John O'Neill No. 24, Echols; setting up.

Simms & O'Neill No. 3, strip 4 of Echols; rigging.

Simms & O'Neill No. 5, strip 4 of Echols; derrick.

Ninety-Nine Pumping Company No. 3, Cunningham and Collier; rigging.

Sheik & Bowie No. 1, lot 4 of Isaacs; derrick.

Rucker & Hale No. 3, Chapiot; derrick.

Wood & O'Neill No. 2, Paddock of Echols; rigging.

Sun Company and Paddock No. 6, Moore 55 acres.

Sun Company No. 4, Wheeler-Pickens; derrick.

Sun Company No. 5, O'Neill of Isaacs; derrick.

Northwest Oil Company No. 18 1-2, Hermann; setting up.

Total new locations, 11.

WELLS ABANDONED.

Moonshine-Producers No. 86; air plant.

Moonshine-Producers No. 87, Patterson.

Producers Oil Company Nos. 93, 94, 12, 13, 14 and 15, DeMerritt.

Producers Oil Company No. 95, Echols.

Total abandoned wells, 9.

THE JENNINGS DISTRICT.

WELLS COMPLETED.

G. B. Zeigler & Company, Shultz No. 3; 400 barrels with air.

Duson, Lyons and others No. 1, Superior Oil Company lease on west side of field; pumping 100 barrels.

Jennings-Heywood Oil Syndicate No. 30, fee simple; salt water.

Total new completions, 3—one salt water and 2 producers; new production estimated at 500 barrels.

WELLS DRILLING.

Jennings Oil Company No. 12, Lyons; bailing.

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Crowley Oil & Mineral Company No. 27, Crowley farm.
Producers Oil Company, Latreille No. 7.
Shippers' Oil Company, Valle No. 4; twisted off.
Heywood Brothers Oil Corporation No. 2; Clement.
Producers Oil Company No. 7, Clement.
Jennings-Heywood Oil Syndicate Nos. 28, 31 and 32, Arnaudet.
Total wells drilling, 9.

DRILLING DEEPER.

Heywood Oil Company, Arnaudet No. 4.
Chicago-Jennings Oil Company No. 6, Clement.

RIGS UP.

Heywood Oil Company, Lyons No. 1, on west side.

WELLS ABANDONED.

Heywood Oil Company, Crowley No. 8.
Franklin Oil & Mineral Company, Latreille No. 1 (wildcat).
Teche Oil & Development Company, Latreille No. 1.

SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION.

Operator	Bbl.
Jennings-Heywood Oil Syndicate	4,000
Heywood Oil Company	1,800
G. B. Zeigler & Company	1,500
Bass & Guffey	1,100
Crowley Oil & Mineral Company	1,000
Evangeline Oil Company and Kneipp	500
Producers Oil Company	500
Shippers' Oil Company	400
Chicago-Jennings Oil Company	400
Jennings Oil Company	200
Benckenstein and others	200
Dusen, Lyons and others	100
Total, estimated March 15	11,900

THE SARATOGA DISTRICT.

WELLS COMPLETED.

Brice & Bradley No. 3, Saratoga Petroleum Company strip, Mary E. Hopkins; flowing 250 barrels of 17.3-gravity oil; depth, 1,095 feet.

Sun Company No. 2, W. E. Brice south 1-2 acre, Smith-Crawford-Sonfield 5 acres of block 4, Mary E. Hopkins; flowing 200 barrels of 17.4-gravity oil; depth, 1,075 feet.

Sun Company No. 3, Petty 5 acres; salt water; depth, 1,415 feet.

Sun Company No. 1, W. E. Brice special, block 4, Mary E. Hopkins; flowing 75 barrels of 17-gravity oil; depth, 1,065 feet.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 3, strip 4, Mary E. Hopkins; pumping 100 barrels of 17-gravity oil with water; depth, 1,115 feet.

Guffey & Taber No. 2, block 5 of Mary E. Hopkins; flowing 40 barrels of 17.3-gravity oil; depth, 1,140 feet; some water.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 4, H. A. Phillips, Mary E. Hopkins; flowing 250 barrels of 17.1-gravity oil; depth, 1,063 feet; 1 per cent water.

Crude Oil Company No. 2, south half of J. H. Kirby strip; flowing by heads; no accurate estimate obtainable.

Total new completions, 8—1 salt water and 7 producers; new output estimated at 915 barrels.

WELLS DRILLING.

Producers Oil Company No. 1, W. E. Brice 3-4 acre; building standard pumping rig.

Producers Oil Company No. 2, W. E. Brice 3-4 acre; 315 feet in rock.

Producers Oil Company No. 2, Queen City; bailing.

Producers Oil Company No. 3, Little Jap Oil Company lease, Smith-Crawford-Sonfield of Mary E. Hopkins; 728 feet in gumbo.

Santa Fe Oil Company No. 16, Santa Fe farm; 701 feet in gumbo.

Sun Company No. 2, W. E. Brice north 1-2 acre of Smith-Crawford-Sonfield 5 acres, Mary E. Hopkins; 1,097 feet, pulling strainer.

Sun Company No. 3, Union Petroleum Company strip of Mary E. Hopkins; 442 feet in gumbo.

Sun Company No. 2, Texas Crude strip; 1,076 feet, pulling strainer.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 1, Mary E. Hopkins 5 acres; 522 feet in gumbo.

Britton Oil Company No. 1, Smith-Crawford-Sonfield 1 1-2 acres of block 4, Mary E. Hopkins; 1,065 feet in gumbo.

Britton Oil Company No. 2, Smith-Crawford-Sonfield 2 1-2 acres of block 4, Mary E. Hopkins; 896 feet in shale.

Rio Bravo Oil Company No. 236, Rio Bravo farm; 973 feet in gumbo.

Virginia Oil & Pipe Line Co. No. 2, Parker 5 acres; 926 feet in gumbo.

Brice & Bradley No. 4, Saratoga Petroleum Company strip, Mary E. Hopkins; 451 feet in gumbo.

Total wells drilling, 14.

RIGS UP.

Sun Company No. 3, Texas Crude strip, Mary E. Hopkins.

Sun Company No. 2, W. E. Brice special strip, Mary E. Hopkins; rigging to drill.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 5, H. A. Phillips of Mary E. Hopkins; rigging to drill.

Producers Oil Company No. 3, W. E. Brice 3-4 acres; Mary E. Hopkins.

Producers Oil Company No. 6, D. G. Petty.

E. F. Simms & Company No. 1, block 6 of Mary E. Hopkins; rigging to drill.

E. F. Simms & Company No. 1, block 7 of Mary E. Hopkins.

Total rigs up, 7.

THE BATSON DISTRICT.

WELLS COMPLETED.

Broomeface Oil Company No. 6 (Jack Ennis and others), Middlebrooks, 250 feet north of nearest producing well; 500 barrels; started off at about 800 barrels near first of the mouth.

Acorn Oil Company No. 3, Paraffine 30 acres; 30 barrels of 25 gravity.

R. P. Allen & Company No. 8, Clark-Jordan acre; 75 barrels of 22 gravity.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 63, W. D. Wing; 100 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 18, State land; 200 barrels.

Guiterman & Company, Farrish & Simms block; 30 barrels.

W. S. Browning & Company, Thaxton farm; 100 barrels.

Batson Oil Company No. 2, Decker acre; 10 barrels.

Higgins Oil & Fuel Company No. 4, Colorado-Batson Syndicate land; dry and abandoned.

Solinsky & Company No. 1, Paraffine; dry and abandoned.

Richardson & Company, Carden 3 1-2 acres; dry and abandoned.

E. G. Christian & Company No. 1, Lemux quarter acre; dry and abandoned.

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MISSOURI MAN NOW FIRST IN THE LIARS' CONTEST.

These are sad days for the Galveston faker who told the world that the Jamaican earthquake had put the Texas oil wells out of business. A newspaper correspondent at Bevier, Mo., has rudely wrested from him the large cardboard medal awarded by the JOURNAL on February 3. The Missouri man has outlied him at every point, has made the earthquake story look like a chapter from the autobiography of George Washington, and has won for himself a permanent membership in the Society for the Promotion of Artistic Prevarification. It is with regret that we are compelled to relegate the Galveston writer to the ranks of the ordinary Journeymen Liars' Union, but there is no alternative, since the Missourian has produced something which throws the Texas fake completely under the branches of the old apple tree. The Bevier story, as it appeared in the newspapers, follows:

"Instead of having the basement half filled with the coal pile and laboring morning and night with the shovel, it will be possible soon to turn on a faucet and let a bucket of coal run out, if the plans of Dr. George R. Nunelly succeed. Dr. Nunelly announced today that he had it all figured out and demonstrated.

"Accoring to the inventor, it will be easy. Coal miners will disappear. Their places will be taken by men who will spray the face of the coal veins with a solution Dr. Nunelly has invented. The coal, he says, will be turned into a liquid by this means. The liquid coal will be pumped to the surface and stored in tanks. As soon as it is exposed to light and air, he says, it will become hard.

"Liquid coal will be piped, he says, as oil now is, and will be distributed to consumers in cities and towns as gas is served.

"Dr. Nunelly exhibited a dark fluid of about the consistency of mucilage, which, when exposed to light and air, gradually hardens. This, he said, was liquid coal."

It looks very much as if the Bevier correspondent had taken an overdose of the "dark fluid," which the "doctor" said was "liquid coal." And there is ground for the suspicion that the "dark fluid" was loaded with "dope."

COURT OPINIONS AFFECTING OIL AND GAS INTERESTS.

An oil and gas lease conveyed to the lessee the oil and gas under the lessor's land, bound the lessee to drill a well within two months or thereafter to pay $20 quarterly in advance, and stipulated that the failure to make the quarterly payments should terminate the lease, and that the lessee might at any time reconvey the grant and thereon the lease should become void. The Supreme Court of Indiana, in construing the lease, held that as oil and gas are not the subjects of conveyance until placed under control by being diverted into artificial channels, and as such leases are customarily made in advance of the demand for the product, oil and gas leases are not ordinary leases, and the stipulation that the lessee might reconvey the grant did not give the lessor the option to terminate the lease at pleasure.

The Appellate Court of Indiana holds that where an oil and gas lease granted and guaranteed to the lessee and his assigns all the oil and gas underlying certain land, such lease constituted a conveyance of real estate, so that the lessee's liability could only be released by a writing duly acknowledged as required by the statute and not by parol.

A contract between a land owner and a corporation granted the latter the right of drilling a gas well on a tract of land, in consideration for which the corporation agreed to deliver gas to the land owner and to pay $30 a year rental until the drilling of a well, or until gas ceased to be generally used for manufacturing purposes. It provided that the contract should be terminated when natural gas ceased to be used generally for manufacturing purposes, or when the corporation should fail to pay the annual rent when it became due. In a suit involving the contract the Appellate Court of Indiana held that the contract terminated when gas ceased to be used generally for manufacturing purposes, and that when the corporation refused to pay rent or when it made, without the consent of the land owner, a formal surrender and cancellation of the contract.

UNION OIL COMPANY INCREASING SCOPE OF DEVELOPMENT WORK — NOTES.

Reports from California indicate that the Union Oil Company, which controls 188,000 acres of oil lands in lease and fee simple in that state, is enlarging its scope of development work to take care of the expanding market afforded by the completion of the Panama pipe line. During the month of February, the Union runs of crude from the various fields averaged from 26,000 to 27,000 barrels a day, somewhat larger than in previous months. The company is now operating twenty-six strings of tools, compared with seventeen strings in May last year. It is its policy to drill into the oil sand and then cap the well, opening up when requirements necessitate. A large number of wells are under cap at present, twenty-seven being in this condition on one section of land. The holes range in depth from 2,500 to 3,500 feet, and the oil sands between 500 and 1,100 feet in thickness. One drilling crew can complete about two wells a year. On its present drilling basis, the Union Oil Company can finish fifty-three or fifty-four wells a year, an average of about four a month.

Market conditions are strengthening materially. The Southern Pacific Railroad has just closed a contract calling for the delivery of about 1,000 barrels of crude per day, from a small group of wells in the Santa Maria field, for a period of two years, at 37 1-2 cents a barrel. The oil is about 13 gravity, and much difficulty is experienced in handling it. The wells from which the crude is obtained are about a quarter of a mile from the railroad. It has been suggested that if the crude is too heavy to run in the line, that a long-handled shovel be utilized to put it into the cars. Spot oil is selling for $1 a barrel in San Francisco.

The Union Oil Company is distributing and laying 8-inch pipe paralleling its 6-inch line from the Santa Maria field to its refinery at Port Harford, in order to accommodate increased demands for crude. The work is being pushed forward rapidly, and when the new line is ready for operation, the Union will have facilities for handling about 45,000 barrels a day from the Santa Maria district. It is believed that its production in this field will soon be equal to the capacity of both lines.

The tank fleet of the Union Oil Company numbers nine vessels, with a combined capacity of 278,300 barrels, as follows: The Santa Rita and Santa Maria, 52,600 barrels each; Lansing, 50,000 barrels; Washtenaw, 29,800 barrels; Roma, 29,700 barrels; Argyll, 28,300 barrels; Fullerton, 16,000 barrels; Whittier, 11,300 barrels, and the Santa Paula (ship), 8,000 barrels.

HEYWOOD OIL COMPANY PAYS ITS TWENTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.

The Heywood Oil Company of Beaumont, on March 15, distributed its twenty-second dividend, amounting to 5 per cent, or $5 a share. This makes a total of 76 per cent paid in dividends since the organization of the company.

The following circular has been mailed to stockholders:

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, March 15, 1907.

To the Stockholders of the Heywood Oil Company.

We hand you herewith our check for $5 per share for the amount of stock standing in your name on the books of this company, same being the twenty-second dividend of the Heywood Oil Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at its offices in the city of Beaumont, Texas, on Wednesday, April the 10th, and if you are not able to attend same in person, we will thank you to kindly sign the attached proxy and send same to this office, or give it to some one whom you desire to represent you at the meeting.

We will have our annual statement ready next month, and we trust same will prove satisfactory to you.

HEYWOOD OIL COMPANY,
By W. C. Tyrrell, President.

SOLICITING BIDS ON MATERIAL FOR WOODS RIVER REFINERY.

The Standard Oil Company is soliciting bids from Alton, Ill., material men, to furnish stone, sand and crushed rock for the construction of its proposed refinery at the junction of the Woods and Mississippi Rivers, five miles south of Alton and eighteen miles north of St. Louis. The material must be delivered by the Alton contractors at East St. Louis. Railroads in the vicinity of the site of the new refinery are preparing to lay tracks into the grounds.

O. C. Edwards, vice-president of the Security Oil Company of Beaumont, has returned from a trip to New York City.

Miss L. Hanzsen, superintendent of rights of way for the Gulf Pipe Line Company, left Beaumont March 16, for Dallas, to look after matters pertaining to her department.

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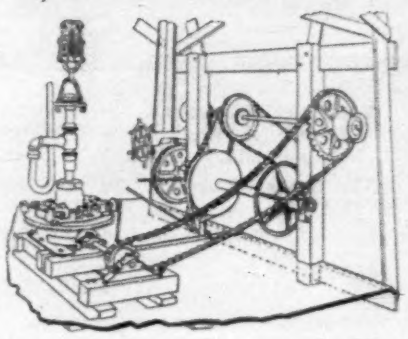

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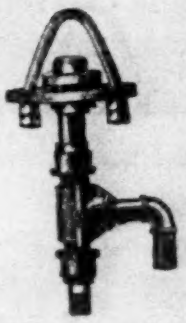

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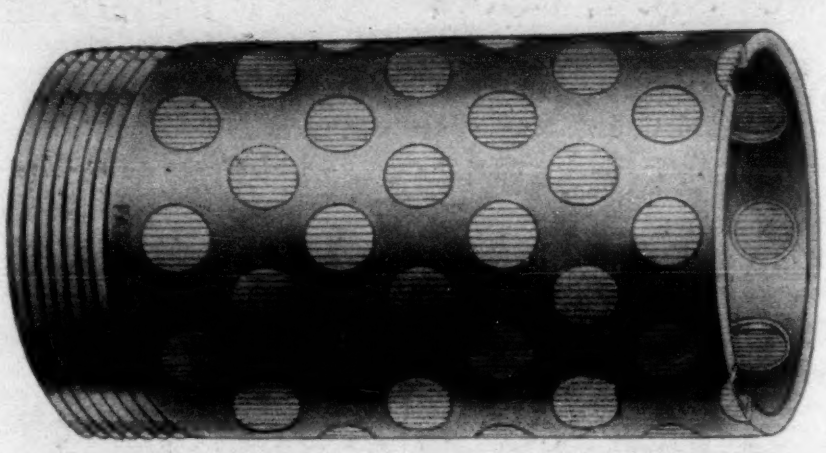

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Total new completions, 12—4 dry and 8 producers. New production estimated at 1,045 barrels.

WELLS DRILLING.

Lajarza Oil Company No. 4, Paraffine; 60 acres.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company Nos. 24 and 25, Choate farm.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 2, Taber acre.

Broomeface Oil Company No. 7, Middlebrooks; setting strainer.

Paraffine Oil Company No. 7, Paraffine 40 acres.

Batson Oil Company No. 1, Dies farm, about 600 feeth north of nearest producing well.

Sun Company No. 12, Sun Company 35 acres; set strainer.

Ada Belle Oil Company No. 1, Little & Mitchell lease; rigging to pump.

Sun Company No. 13, Paraffine 70 acres.

Total wells drilling, 10.

RIGS UP.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company Nos. 26 and 27, Choate farm.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 19, State land.

Sun Company No. 14, Sun Company 35 acres.

Heywood Oil Company, Heywood 7 1-2 acres.

Paraffine Oil Company No. 8, Paraffine 30 acres.

Total, 6.

THE SOUR LAKE DISTRICT.

WELLS COMPLETED.

The Texas Company No. 74, Texas farm; 725 barrels.

The Texas Company No. 75, Texas farm; 125 barrels.

The Texas Company No. 77, Texas farm; 675 barrels.

The Gilbert Company No. 26, Gilbert farm; 10 barrels.

Minor Oil Company No. 4, Higgins farm; 40 barrels.

Terry & Carpenter No. 2, Wirt Davis; 30 barrels.

Total new completions, 6—all producers, new production put at 1,605 barrels.

WELLS DRILLING.

The Texas Company Nos. 76 and 78, Texas farm.

Minor Oil Company No. 1, Bordages.

Lone Acre Oil Company No. 7, Gilbert.

The Gilbert Company No. 27, Gilbert.

Heidner & Hart No. 1, Cannon.

Young Oil Company No. 1, Gilbert, Lane lease.

Total wells drilling, 7.

RIGS UP.

The Texas Company Nos. 79 and 80, Texas farm.

Minor Oil Company No. 16, Bordages.

Total, 3.

THE SPINDLETOP DISTRICT.

WELLS COMPLETED.

Sunshine Oil Company No. 3 (W. G. Park, O. W. Meyers, J. S. Wheless, T. W. Garrett and George C. Carroll), Trembly near Mississippi-Texas; 40 barrels, equipped with jack.

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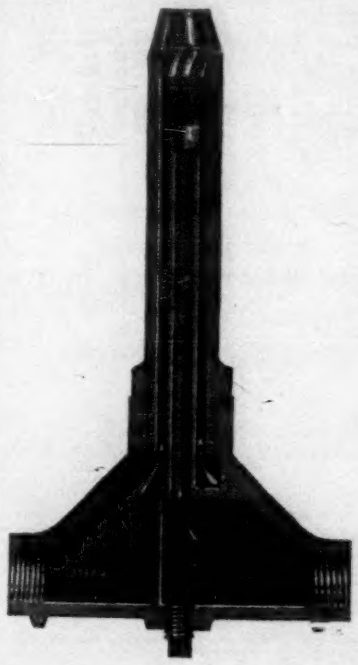

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Gladys City, about 2,000 feet north of Higgins pump station; 50 barrels.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 75, Gladys City, 150 feet southwest of Yellow Pine, close to the Lone Acre strip; little oil with considerable water.

Combination Oil Company No. 1 (M. J. Kissick, Lacroan and others), 150 feet west Higgins pump station; 25 barrels.

Unity Oil Company No. 4, Unity Oil Company farm; dry, moved over.

Derr and others No. 1, Keith-Ward, adjoining Becky Sharp; 20 barrels.

Cassie Oil Company (J. C. Wilson, George Adsit, Meagher and others), Higgins farm, across the road from the Becky Sharp; 225 barrels.

Bowles Brothers, block 20 of Gladys City; 50 barrels.

Bass & Tucker No. 1, McFaddin, close to Keith-Ward; 100 barrels.

Sun Company, San Jacinto Oil Company lease; dry, equipped with standard pumping rig.

Total new completions, 10—3 dry and 7 producers; new production estimated at 510 barrels.

WELLS DRILLING.

Cush Wiess No. 1, old Spindletop Oil Company strip near Keith-Ward; in trouble.

O. L. Granberry No. 1, block 22, McFaddin-Wiess-Kyle subdivision; drilling in.

Davenport-McCarley-Shepherd, block 22, McFaddin-Wiess-Kyle subdivision; equipped with standard pumping rig, but not yet on producing basis; shut down.

Sunshine Oil Company No. 4, Trembly; shut down.

Davenport-McCarley-Shepherd, Denver-Beaumont No. 1; drilling in.

Kathleen Oil Company No. 1 (John W. Henderson and others), block 1 of Chaison, J. M. Hebert subdivision, 5.27 acres; drilling in; good showing.

Sun Company No. 2, Lone Star & Crescent; stuck, equipped with standard pumping rig.

F. D. Smith & Company No. 8, Heywood farm; erecting standard pumping rig.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 76, Gladys City, south of Yellow Pine, near Unity Oil Company farm; erecting standard pumping rig.

J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company No. 77, Gladys City, 200 feet south of Higgins pump station; 350 feet; sand and gravel formation; having trouble.

W. D. Shaw, Lip Norvell and others No. 1, northwest corner of block 21, Gladys City; 800 feet.

J. C. Wilson, block 20, Gladys City, across road from Shaw-Norvell well.

J. M. Phelps and others No. 3, Lone Acre strip; rigging to pump.

Fay Oil Company No. 2 (Silverman, Nazro, Crawford and others), southeast corner of block 38 of old Gladys City; down 770 feet.

Holland Oil Company No. 1 (Meagher, C. W. Nelson and others), old Keith-Ward Oil Company tract; equipping with standard pumping rig.

Total wells drilling, 16.

RIGS UP.

J. M. Phelps and others No. 4, Lone Acre strip; setting up.

Addie Oil Company No. 1, McFaddin, old derrick; drilling doubtful.

THE CADDO (La.) DISTRICT.

WELLS COMPLETED.

T. N. Barnsdall No. 2, H. Evans farm, 2 miles north of Mooringsport, south center of Section 18, township 20 north range 15 west; depth, 840 feet; 15,000,000-foot gasser.

Dixon Oil & Pipe Line Company No. 2, Dixon farm, half mile east of Texia No. 1, east side northwest quarter Section 33, town 20 north range 15 west; depth, close to 840 feet; 1,200,000-foot gasser.

Producers Oil Company No. 1, Harrell farm, northeast quarter southeast quarter Section 30, township 21 north range 15 west; 2,747 feet deep, dry hole, preparing to pull and abandon.

Total new completions, 3—1 dry hole and 2 gassers.

WELLS DRILLING.

Atlanta Oil Company No. 1, W. H. Wadkins, 1 1-2 miles southwest of Caddo, southwest corner southeast 1-4 southeast 1-4 Section 3, township 20 north range 16

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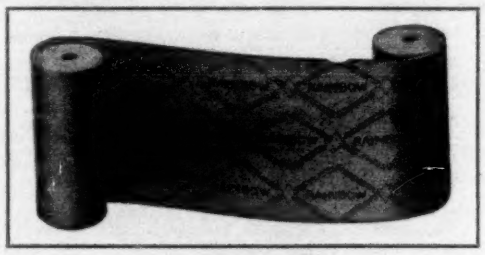

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west; depth, 2,260 feet; reaming out.

Savage-Richardson No. 1, south part of Caddo townsite, southwest corner southeast 1-4 northwest 1-4 Section 1, township 20 north range 16 west; depth, 2,240 feet; resetting 4-inch.

Citizens' Oil & Pipe Line Company No. 2, Hughes Oppenhauser, near south line Caddo townsite, center northeast 1-4 southwest 1-4 Section 1, township 20 north range 16 west; depth, 1,400 feet, in shale and sand, with oil showing; will make test.

Big Four Oil Company No. 1 (S. A. Guy and others), 1,000 feet southeast of Citizens' No. 2, east side northeast 1-2 northwest 1-2 Section 1, township 20 north range 16 west; depth, 1,250 feet; setting 6-inch in shale.

S. S. Hunter No. 2, Hostetter farm, one mile northeast of Mooringsport, south bank of Caddo Lake, Section 30, township 20 north range 15 west; depth, 2,085 feet, in shale.

Dixon Oil & Pipe Line Company No. 1, 4 miles east of Mooringsport, Section 22, township 20 north range 15 west; depth, 975 feet in gumbo.

D. C. Richardson No. 1, D. C. Richardson farm, 1-4 mile northwest Texia No. 1, northeast 1-4 northwest 1-4 Section 32, township 20 north range 15 west; depth, 2,068 feet, in sand and shale, with showing of oil.

Producers Oil Company No. 2, Heilperin & Leibman farm, southwest quarter of Section 31, 500 feet north of No. 1; a producing well; depth, 2,165 feet; reaming out.

Producers Oil Company No. 1, Leonard farm, northwest quarter northwest half Section 6, township 21 north range 15 west; depth, 1,760 feet; reaming out.

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T. N. Barnsdall No. 3, Barnhardt farm, northwest corner Section 21, township 20 south range 15 west; depth, 600 feet, in blue shale.

D. C. Richardson No. 1, Heilperin & Leibman farm; 1,820 feet in shale and sand.

Total wells drilling, 11.

WELLS PRODUCING.

Texia Oil Company No. 1, Section 32; 75 barrels; depth, 2,245 feet.

Producers Oil Company No. 1, Heilperin & Leibman farm, southwest corner northeast quarter of southwest quarter of Section 31; depth, 1,400 feet; 25 barrels.

Total, estimated March 15, 100 barrels.

RIGS UP.

T. N. Barnsdall No. 4, Huckley farm.

DAYTON.

There were no completions at Dayton during the first half of March. Three wells were drilling on March 15 as follows: Dayton Oil Company No. 1, Section 125, about 800 feet, at which depth a small blowout occurred March 14, with a showing of oil; Kenning, Wright & Company No. 1, Mosteller, 125 feet; and Sun Company No. 12, Section 119, 560 feet. The output of the district on March 15 was estimated at 450 barrels, a decline of 100 barrels, compared with February 28.

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SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM PORT ARTHUR

DATE	RIG	NAME OF VESSEL	LOADED BY	CONSIGNEE	DESTINATION	GRADE	BBLS.
Mch. 2	Ss.	Florida	The Texas Co.	The Texas Co.	Coatzacoalcos	Crude	10,782
2	"	"	"	"	"	Bunker	1,055
2	Barge	Gusher	"	"	"	Crude	7,067
2	"	*Harry Morse	"	"	Linwood	Asphalt	10,345
3	Ss.	Northtown	"	"	"	Bunker	1,808
3	"	Northwestern	"	"	Del. Riv. Sta.	Crude	21,829
3	"	"	"	"	"	Bunker	1,678
4	"	Northman	"	Gulf Ref'g Co.	Gibsons Point	"	1,845
4	"	Northtown	"	The Texas Co.	Linwood	Refined	22,446
5	"	Northman	Gulf Ref'g Co.	Gulf Ref'g Co.	Gibsons Point	Crude	21,437
7	"	Broadmayne	The Texas Co.	The Texas Co.	Liverpool, Eng.	Refined	27,536
8	Barge	San Antonio	"	"	New Orleans	"	250
8	"	*San Antonio	"	"	"	Asphalt	6,712
8	"	Magnolia	"	"	"	Bunker	199
8	"	"	"	"	"	Refined	6,907
8	Ss.	Larimer	Gulf Ref'g Co.	Gulf Ref'g Co.	Gibsons Point	Solar	21,845
8	"	"	"	"	"	Lubricating	6,920
8	"	"	"	"	"	Asphalt Oil	2,104
8	"	"	"	"	"	Asphalt	1,125
8	Barge	Shenango	"	"	Baltimore	Solar	26,542
9	"	No. 94	The Texas Co.	Standard O. Co.	New York	Refined	10,510
11	"	Conneaut	Gulf Ref'g Co.	Gulf Ref'g Co.	Pt. Tampa Fla.	Crude	17,896
11	"	"	"	"	"	Lubricating	10
11	"	Allegheny	"	"	Gretna, La.	Refined	3,018
11	"	"	"	"	"	Lubricating	1,016
13	Ss.	A. F. Lucus	The Texas Co.	Standard O. Co.	New York	Bunker	2,023
13	"	"	"	"	"	Refined	41,145

TOTAL 276,049
Miscellaneous dock deliveries by The Texas Company to tugs and barges, Crude 1,317

TOTAL BARRELS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF MARCH { Crude ..... 88,935 / Other grades 188,431 } 277,366

*Port Neches.

SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM SABINE*

DATE	RIG	NAME OF VESSEL	LOADED BY	CONSIGNEE	DESTINATION	GRADE	BBLS.
Mch. 4	Ss.	Paraguay	Sun P. L. Co.	Sun Co.	Marcus Hook	Crude	18,511
11	"	Toledo	"	"	"	"	20,788
11	Barge	No. 94	Security Oil Co.	Standard O. Co.	New York	Gas Oil	38,759
11	"	"	"	"	"	Crude	366

TOTAL 78,424
Miscellaneous dock deliveries by Higgins Oil & Fuel Co. to tugs and barges, Crude 900

TOTAL BARRELS FOR FIRST HALF OF MARCH { Crude ..... 40,565 / Other grades ..38,759 } 79,324

*This table also includes shipments from Sabine Pass, Texas.

THE WELSH DISTRICT.

The Sun Company is down 800 and 900 feet on its test 700 feet east of the field on the North American Land & Development Company's tract. Ben C. Taber is down about 700 feet in a test on the old Smith tract north of the field. Roanoke parties are preparing to put down a test five miles east of Welsh and about one mile north of Roanoke, La. The output of the Welsh district is unchanged at 125 barrels a day.

ORDER FOR TANK CARS.

The Texas Company has concluded negotiations with the American Car & Foundry Company, placing with it an order for 400 tank cars to be delivered throughout 1907. Car Trust certificates to the extent of $500,000 have been filed with the Texas secretary of state. Last year The Texas Company let a contract with the American Car & Foundry Company for 250 tank cars, of which fifty have been delivered. This order is merged in the new contract, making 350 cars to be delivered in the present year. It is understood that the first delivery will be made in April, followed by another in July, or as fast as the contractor can turn the cars out. The Texas Company at present has 125 tank cars in the Gulf Coast trade.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

TERRITORIES.

Salina Oil Company of Pawnee and Tulsa, I. T.; capital stock, $40,000; by Frank Shoemaker of Pawnee, John G. Miller and J. W. Woodford of Tulsa.

Weatherford Oil & Gas Company of Weatherford, O. T.; capital stock, $250,000; by J. J. Williams, C. F. Boyer, G. Stettler, M. C. Barnett and others.

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Sabine Oil Company of Kirbyville; capital stock, $250,000; by W. J. B. Brewton, Samuel T. Coats, Jasper C. Williamson, B. Brewton and J. S. Cochran.

Arcola Oil Company of Beaumont; capital stock $3,000; by F. V. Hayden, A. R. Peter, C. L. Lamb, Max Wagner and others.

Edith Oil Company of Houston; capital stock, $10,000; by John O'Neill, Cornelius O'Neill and Henry A. O'Neill.

Get-There Oil Company of Houston; capital stock, $10,000; by E. F. Simms, John and George Hamman.

A permit has been granted to the Caddo Gas & Oil Company, capital stock $3,000,000, to do business in Texas. The company will operate in Bowie, Harrison and Cass Counties, with headquarters at Texarkana. T. N. Barnsdall of Pittsburg, the Dawes Syndicate of Chicago and parties recently identified with the Citizens Oil & Pipe Line Company of Shreveport, which concern is merged with the new corporation, are the principal stockholders.

The Union Iron Works of Houston has increased its capital stock from $75,000 to $150,000.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fuel Oil & Gas Company of Fort Smith, Ark.; capital stock, $25,000; by W. W. Johnson, Sam H. Milliken, George A. O'Hara, A. M. Carter and A. E. Northrop.

It is reported that the Marine Oil Company, whose main office is said to be at New Orleans, has purchased the entire stock, unexpired contracts, etc., of the Pure Oil Company at Mobile, Ala.

Specialty Oil Company of New York; capital stock, $1,000; by Maross Jenkins, Oakland, N. J.; Moses R. Jeffords, Hotel Endicott, New York; Robert A. Ammon, Stapleton, S. I.

Robinson Oil Refining Company of Maine; capital stock, $500,000; nothing paid in; president and treasurer, J. Berry of Augusta, Me.

Indiana Coal & Gas Company of Ellsworth, Me.; capital stock, $200,000; by President L. J. Wardwell, Treasurer A. M. Bresnahan of Ellsworth.

Clinton County Oil & Gas Company of Illinois; capital stock, $25,000; by Henry Spencer, John O. Davis and J. S. Patterson.

Palomas Oil Company of Los Angeles, Cal.; capital stock, $200,000; subscribed $100,000; directors—W. W. Jenkins, J. L. Van Every, P. W. Masten, H. H. Hatch and B. F. Master.

The Mid-Continent Oil Refining Company of Augusta, Me., has been granted a permit to do business in Illinois. Illinois headquarters are at East St. Louis, where the company is said to have twenty acres along the river front. Directors—La Fayette Funk and C. D. Martin of St. Louis; Wm. R. Baldwin of Delavan; H. H. Green of Bloomington and Charles R. Martin of Chanute, Kansas.

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ORDER OF SERVICE STICKS IN STANDARD DISSOLUTION SUIT AT ST. LOUIS.

The United States Circuit Court at St. Louis, on March 7, handed down a decision sustaining the order of service out of the United States Circuit Court against the Standard Oil Company and seventy other non-resident corporations and individuals, codefendants with the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, in the dissolution suit brought some time ago by the federal government. The decision followed motions filed about a month ago by all of the defendants, excepting one, that the St. Louis court was without jurisdiction to make the order bringing the oil companies to St. Louis, that the order was premature and irregularly made, and that the ends of justice did not require that the non-resident defendants should be brought into the St. Louis court. Judge Sanborn wrote the opinion. The defendants are required to appear April 1 to answer the original bill. The opinion, in part, follows:

"Section 4 of the Act of July 2, 1890, confers upon the several circuits of the United States jurisdiction to restrain violations of its provisions, and Section 5 reads as follows:

"Whenever it shall appear to the court before which any proceeding under Section 4 of this act may require that other parties should be brought before the court, the court may cause them to be summoned, whether they reside in the district in which the court is held or not; and subpœnas to that end may be served in any district by the marshal thereof.

"The individual defendants, the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, and nearly all the subsidiary corporations, except the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, were not inhabitants of and could not be found in this district. After the filing of the bill and upon the presentation by the complainant of a petition which disclosed this fact, the court ordered that the non-residents should be brought in.

"Certain of these defendants have appeared specially and moved that the court vacate the order and to quash the service of subpœnas, upon the grounds that the court was without jurisdiction to make the order; that it was prematurely and irregularly made, and that the ends of justice did not require that the non-resident defendants should be brought into this suit.

"As congress had the authority to enact that in this and other cases of this class any circuit court in which the United States might bring its suit might, by process served anywhere in the United States, lawfully bring into it all the parties necessary to the adjudication of the controversies it involved, they had the authority to empower such a court to bring these parties wherever in its opinion the ends of justice should require such action, because the whole is greater than any of its parts.

"It is insisted that the order was premature and that the court was premature and that the court was without power to make it until after the resident defendants had been served with process and notice of the hearing had been given to the defendants without the district. But the statute requires no notice of the application for the order, and there is no reason for it; because the order conclusively adjudicates nothing.

"Counsel for the defendants suggested that the United States should first file its bill against the resident defendants and thereafter present a petition that the non-resident conspirators should be made parties to the suit.

"The presentation of the entire cause of action in the original bill, in which all the alleged conspirators are named as defendants, is the more concise and logical and satisfactory manner of presenting the issue.

"Finally, it is insisted that it did not appear to the court that the ends of justice required the non-resident defendants to be brought before it, because more of them and more of the original and chief conspirators resided in the southern district of New York and in certain other districts than in the district in which the court sits, and it is contended that the ends of justice will be more completely served by the prosecution of this suit in the district of the inhabitancy of a larger number of defendants.

"Congress did not confer jurisdiction in this class of cases upon the circuit court in whose district the largest number of conspirators resided, but upon every district court in whose district a resident conspirator could be found.

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service of its subpœnas upon them without this district. The ends of justice require the court to bring them in. The proceedings for that purpose were regular and the order was timely, and motions to vacate it and to quash the service on the subpœnas issued under it must be denied."

The trial of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, charged by the government with having accepted rebates on shipments of oil from Whiting, Ind., to East St. Louis, Ill., began at Chicago, March 5. It is expected to continue ten weeks.

The Jennings-Heywood Oil Syndicate, operating in the Jennings, La., district, has caused the arrest of a field employe for stealing brass, rubber valves and other equipment. Considerable stealing has been going on all over the field, and an attempt will be made to break up the practice. Warrants are out for a number of other field workers charged with theft. Parties in Jennings and Crowley are said to be acting as a "fence," and it intimated that they will also be prosecuted unless they stop buying stolen goods.

The Texas railroad commission issued the following order on March 8: "In pursuance of application No. 89, of the Texarkana & Fort Smith Railway Company, authority is hereby granted for the adoption of a rate of 6 cents per 100 pounds for the transportation of gas and diesel engine oil, in carloads shippers to furnish equipment and to furnish all necessary terminal charges, from Port Arthur to Beaumont. Effective March 11, 1907."

The barge Eugene, belonging to the Bowers Southern Dredging Company, sank in Sabine channel on March 12, with 1,500 barrels of crude, destined for use as fuel on the dredge Sealy. The oil came to the surface, caught fire and burned, but no damage was done to shipping.

The case of the State of Texas against the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, involving ouster proceedings, is set on law questions for April 18. At this hearing the case will be continued for the term and will be set for trial on May 18.

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